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U.S. and France Work to Blunt the Edge of Low-Wage Nations

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

PARIS - The United States and France, in a move that could pave the way toward penalizing low-wage developing nations, are planning an extraordinary effort to end what they see as unfair trade advantages for countries that export cheap goods thanks to poor working conditions.

Officials in Washington and Paris said Tuesday in interviews that they were holding talks aimed at reaching a joint position in time for the April 15 signing of the Uruguay Round agreement of GATT in Marrakesh.

The initiative could open a controversial chapter in world trade talks, as it is likely to stir strong emotions among the rapidly growing and export-driven economies of Asia such as Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, all of which have been criticized in the West as unfair in their treatment of

It could also further anger China, which has applied to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and is

In Brussels, the issue will take center stage Wednesday when Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union's trade representative, presents a report urging that governments at Marrakesh agree to ask the World Trade Organization, the

Asian nations are warned to expect a "misconceived" West-ern attack over wages and working conditions. Page 11.

successor to GATT, to address the question of union rights, child and prison labor, and related social matters.

Paris and Washington — in a rare display of cooperation on trade matters between governments that fought each other during the GATT negotiations last year — have agreed that the time has come to make the protection of workers' rights a priority item in trade talks. France is more advanced

were held during the Group of Seven jobs conference in Detroit last week, "and we are in complete agreement with the United States that we have to find a way for the World Trade Organization to address the issue."

A U.S. official said, "There is certainly common ground between us, although our approaches may differ slightly." The subject will be discussed in Marrakesh in a meeting between Mickey Kantor, the chief U.S. trade negotiator, and Gérard Longuet, the French trade and industry minister. Both men plan to make strong statements demanding that the World Trade Organization be given a mandate to exam-

Peter Sutherland, the director-general of GATT, has made it clear that he has grave reservations about linking trade with what is known as "social dumping," or exporting goods made cheaply through exploitative labor practices.

engaged in a war of words with the U.S. government over Washington's linking of trade relations with Beijing's record on respecting burnan rights.

than the United States in seeking ways to punish nations with nationally agreed labor practices.

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A French official said discussions with the United States in seeking ways to punish nations against "simplistic demands for drastic trade remedies" that he said bore a striking similarity "to more conventional forms of protectionist rhetorie."

But in Washington, a U.S. official disagreed. "Some people interpret our desire for workers' rights as a protectionist tool, but President Clinton has committed himself to making workers' rights part and parcel of the World Trade Organization," he said. "The president feels

very strongly about this. We want this on the agenda."

In Europe, the government of Prime Minister Eduard Balladur of France is being criticized privately by other European governments, who claim Paris is pressing the issue to distract attention from domestic problems such as its record unemployment and social unrest. Several diplomats in Europe contended that France's ultimate goal was to secure new protectionist instruments.

While Britain is seen by delegates to GATT as dragging its See TRADE, Page 17

Fed Pushes Interest Rates Up to Keep **Inflation Low**

Financial Markets Take Latest Action in Stride: Stock Prices Are Steady

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Boxed in by the money markets, the Federal Reserve Board announced Tuesday that it was again pushing short-term interest rates up a notch to try to maintain its credibility as a central bank standing vigilan

against inflation. A two-sentence statement by Chairman Alan Greenspan said the Federal Reserve's policymakers would put pressure on bank reserve and that "this action is expected to be associated with a small increase in short-term money market interest rates."

The statement implied that the Fed was aiming for another rise of one-quarter of a percentage point in the federal funds rate, which sets the wholesale price of credit, to 3.50 percent. The U.S. central bank raised that rate to 3.25 percent from 3.0 percent on Feb. 4.

The announcement, made in midafternoon, gave a solid boost to government bond prices, as traders calculated that the Fed's move would help rein in the inflationary tendencies that hurt bonds' value. But the action, which had been fairly widely anticipated, had little conclusive effect either on the currency market, where the dollar slipped a bittle against the Deutsche mark, or the stock market, where the Dow Jones industrial average lost a little ground.

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The announcement was issued toward the end of a meeting in Washington of the Federal Open Market Committee, which meets every six weeks to set monetary policy. The date had been circled on every stock and bond trader's calendar ever since Mr. Greenspan broke with Fed precedent on Feb. 4 and formally annonnced the quarter-point rise in the federal funds rate.

That rate increase set off worldwide nervousness in the bond market, which waited for the next move upward. Bond traders took fright and called for higher interest rates in a time of uncertainty, pushing up rates on 30-year Trea-

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Western Players Are Rethinking Pan-Asian TV

By Kevin Murphy and Erik Ipsen

HONG KONG -- Pan-Asian satellite television broadcasting is not dead, but it will need some redesigning after STAR TV's decision to drop the BBC news service from its broadcasts

to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, STAR TV, Rupert Murdoch's Asian satellite network, said Tuesday that it was replacing the BBC's World Service Television with Mandarin-language entertainment broadcasts in the three territories. Executives of both companies said the shift signaled a rethinking of the pan-Asian concept that has so far governed Western broadcasters' moves into the potentially hugely lucrative market.

While Beijing had for months complained publicly and privately about the BBC's news and documentaries, Mr. Murdoch's decision to drop the BBC was widely seen by industry sources as less of a bow to political pressure than to economic necessity.

As part of a deal struck with Mr. Murdoch's

News Corp., World Service Television will continue to be broadcast by STAR TV over the southern half of its territory until at least March 1996, preserving the British national broadcast-er's reach into India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. "No one is going to make any money in television in China for several years to come,"

one American television industry executive said, insisting on anonymity. The prospect of replacing the BBC with a pay television movie service in Taiwan holds far more immediate promise for STAR TV, he said. Christopher Irwin, chief executive of World

Service Television, said from New Delhi, "I do not think this is the death knell for international broadcasting at all." An executive at Cable News Network agreed.

"We have long understood and in fact respected the various reasons why governments

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'Terrible Day for Europe' As Expansion Hits a Wall

Scant Hope Left of Meeting Target Date

BRUSSELS—The European Omon a power-sharing dispute turned into a full-blown crisis. Tuesday as Britain's opposition to any weakening of its veto power left London more weakening of its veto power left London more. BRUSSELS — The European Union's powisolated than ever in the bloc and looked certain to force a lengthy delay in the Union's expan-

"It's a terrible day for Europe," said Tom Kitt, Ireland's European affairs minister, after a meeting of EU foreign ministers and European affairs ministers broke up in disarray when Britain and Spain rejected a compromise proposal on voting rights.

Theodoros Pangalos, the Greek European affairs minister, who chaired the meeting, said the Union was facing a "nightmare" scenario if ministers cannot resolve the crisis when they meet again this weekend in Ioannina, Greece.

A failure in Greece would delay membership for Sweden, Finland, Austria and Norway by as much as six months beyond the Jan. 1, 1995, target date, said Foreign Minister Alain Juppe

Foreign Minister Alois Mock of Austria said any delay in the timetable could weaken support for the Union in his country and lead

voters to reject Vienna's membership accord in a referendum later this year, a fear echoed by Swedish officials.

But Prime Minister John Major of Britain, whom EU officials accuse of using the voting issue to buttress his support among the anti-European wing of his Conservative Party, gave bitle sign of backing down. He said in the House of Commons that be would not be wayed by "phony threats" about delays in the

"If there is delay, it will be because two other states have taken an inflexible and doctrinaire line," Mr. Major said. Agence France-Presse reported that government sources indicated he was referring to Belgium and the Netherlands. They have been among the strongest backers of plans to weaken the power to block EU legisla-tion as the Union adds members.

Officials in Brussels said positions among the ministers had merely hardened in four meetings over the past four weeks, and they expressed little hope of a solution at the weekend. "It's better to have a crisis than a bad com-

promise," said Jacques Delors, the president of the Enropean Commission. Mr. Delors said the British stance would

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Seoul Heightens Security In Face of North's War Talk

Washington Past Service
SEOUL - North Korea served up more SEOUL North Korea served up flery rhetoric on Tuesday in the dispute over inspection of its nuclear plants, complaining in official broadcasts that new military steps by the United States and South Korea bad pushed the situation "to a very dangerous brink of

South Korea's president, Kim Young Sam, responded by ordering his country's army to a higher alert status. But South Korea's foreign minister, Han Sung Joo, called for calm, and warned that "emotional hard-line policies" toward the North could be counterproductive.

. [Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, meanwhile, said Tuesday that the international drive to get full inspection of North Korea's nuclear program was at a crucial stage, Reuters reported from Washington.

["Our diplomacy has reached a critical point," Mr. Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "We have made it clear to North Korea that it must become a responsible member of the international community or that community will have no choice but to pursue other options. These other options include progressively stronger mea-

American and South Korean defense officials started planning on Tuesday for the de-ployment of Patriot anti-missile defenses in South Korea, and for a new round of joint war games. Both measures were agreed to on Monday to send a warning to North Korea for its

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refusal to permit full international inspection of

North Korean radio said Tuesday: "The order by Clinton to deploy Patriot missiles in South Korea is a grave threat to us. This clearly shows that the United States is leading the Korean Peninsula to a very dangerous brink of

In a hint that the United States does not expect immediate hostilities, the Pentagon

An embargo for North Korea? But the nation already does without. Page 5.

chose to ship the battalion of up to 48 Patriot launchers by sea, rather than by air. The slower shipment also gives the North another month or so to yield on full inspections without having respond to the deployment.

[A Pentagon spokesman, Dennis Boxx, said the Patriots were a newer version of those used in the Gulf War in 1991, The Associated Press reported. They have greater range, newer software and can intercept missiles at higher altitudes than the older Pac-1 version. They would be intended for defense of airfields and ports against any North Korean Scud missile at-

It remained unclear when, and even whether the Clinton administration would press for UN economic sanctions against North Korea.

In Washington, policymakers seem to be acting out of a firm conviction that North See KOREA, Page 5

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Russia Says IMF Releases Loan

Prime Minister Viktor S. Chemomyrdin said in Moscow he was able to persuade the International Monetary Fund to release a key \$1.5 billion loan. The lending agency had been worned that Moscow's economie reforms were insufficient to quell inflation and support growth. Page 11.

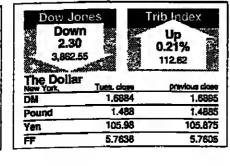
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KURDS PROTEST ACROSS GERMANY — Activists restraining a Kurd who doused himself with gasoline Tuesday in Hamburg. Three other Kurds, two of them women, set themselves aftre during highway-blocking protests across Germany. In Mannheim, one of those women died; the others were seriously injured. The Kurds say Germany supports repression against them.

World's Miners Reopen Rich Lodes

By Don Podesta and Steve Coll Washington Past Service
TIERRA AMARILLA, Chile — Out in the

hills a few kilometers from this isolated desert town, a project worthy of the pharaohs is under

Mammoth trucks with tires twice as tall as a man speed back and forth from an ever-widening pit carved into the stony mountainside. Clouds of dust rise from the labors of more than 2,000 workers busy erecting a crushing mill, conveyor belt, fuel storage tanks, support buildings - the core of a major mining com-

This is the Atacama Desert, said to be the driest on earth. From its mountaintops, a yel-low-dun landscape extends to the horizon, unbroken by even wisps of vegetation.

You don't see many of these go up like this

in a career," said the mine's site supervisor, William Champion, surveying the creation from a rise with a panoramic view.

Copper and gold brought Mr. Champion here. There is an estimated 370 million tons of mixed ore out there for the taking, just as soon as his employer, Arizona-based Phelps Dodge Corp., digs a deep enough hole in the desert. When you hit a mineral deposit like this one. "you go out and find yourself a cold six-pack of beer and whoop it up," Mr. Champion drawled.
From the Atacama to the Siberian tundra to the jungles of Africa and Southeast Asia, vast

The world diamond cartel steps up its marketing drive in newly affluent Asia. Page 11.

tracts of mineral-rich land are reopening to Western mining companies after decades of

The reason: As the global economy undergoes a basic restructuring in the Cold War's aftermath, dozens of Third World countries such as Chile are abandoning old protectionist policies and adopting development strategies

that emphasize exports, lower tariffs and open foreign investment.

Already the changes under way in global trade are having an effect on Western minerals companies and their employees. A glut of met-als unleashed from the former Soviet Union in the aftermath of communism's collapse has helped to push prices for aluminum, zinc, tin, nickel and other products to record lows. The price collapse has forced some high-cost American and European producers to shut plants and lay off workers.

In many cases, long-impoverished Third World countries, not Western governments, are pushing hardest for free-market change. Since started trade and economic reforms much eartier than most - its initial efforts at reform began 15 years ago - Chile is emerging as "a role model for many other places in South America" and elsewhere, said A. Ross Dunn,

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Canada's Snowbirds Flock to Their Places in the Sun

By Charles Trueheart Washington Past Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida - Officially, Canada has 10 provinces. But at this time of year, it has an unofficial, and populous, 11th one. It's called Florida.

Between the end of October, when winter sinks its frigid teeth into Canada, and late April, when it relaxes its bite, nearly a tenth of all Canadians — estimates run to 25 million — head to Florida, many of them to trailers and condominiums they own and inhabit up to half of the year.

For Canadian retirees and vacationers, as for so many American ones, this is the promised land, "Canada under the sun," and a comfortably familiar one.

The maple leaf flag flutters everywhere, right side up. Canadian papers are at the corner store, Canadian soap operas are on the air and Canadian friends are next door. Prime ministers vacation in Florida. Even the Toronto Blue Jays and Montreal Expos spend the winter there, and, this month, entertain their

"It's 20 below zero at home, the worst winter we've had since 21," cackled Don Slinger, of Port Severn, Ontario, and Bradenton, Florida, as he surveyed the throngs flocking to a "no-snow

But this fruited plain is newly tinged with blight for many snowbirds, as these migratory Canadians call themselves. Across the Canadian diaspora, which also takes in enclaves in Arizona and the Grand Strand of South Carolina, the good life is not quite what it used to be.

Prices may still be attractive in the United States, but a Canadian dollar that used to trade above 90 cents has plunged below 75, and interest rates no longer provide incomes on savings to sustain this traditional Canadian habit.

Worse yet, provincial governments in Canada have put the brakes on their soaring health expenditures for snowbirds long accustomed to being treated in American hospitals and claiming reimbursament under Canada's socialized health system. Now they pay dearly for insurance to cover what Canada no

longer will.

"Life is not as simple as it once was, and a lot of that anget is coming out," said Geoffrey Stevens, editor and publisher of the weekly Sun Times of Canada, one of a handful of French- and English-language publications and radio programs serving Canadians with news from home.

The anecdotal evidence suggests that fewer Canadians are in

festival" on the St. Petersburg pier. "Here I can pick my breakfast off a tree."

Florida this year, or are staying for less time and spending less. A local merchant selling his trinkets at the snowbird festival remarked. "Canadians are very nice people, but they're not good for the pocket."

English-speaking Ontarians make up well over half the Canadian population in Florida. Among them is a large contingent of retirees who stay as long as the law allows, 182 days a year, before they lose their health-care privileges. Organizations such as the Canadian Snowbird Association

and the Florida French-Language Association are working to organize these exile communities to protest new provincial caps on payments to Canadians seeking medical treatment south of their border. Until 1991, emergency care in the United States was fully

reimbursed, and elective surgery at 75 percent of cost. Now Ontario will cover hospital care in the United States, which can cost \$1,000 a day, only to a daily maximum of \$300. Don Slinger, recruiting new members at the association booth on the St. Petersburg pier, offered one after another reason to protest the health-care limits as folly and injustice,

including this one: "If we were all at home, we'd be slipping on the ice and falling down. We're saving them all kinds of money being down here."

In Juliet's Dainty City, Young Veronese Open Up Their Hearts to Evil

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

VERONA, Italy — Since Shakespeare's day one thing has set this city apart from other gracious Italian places, at least in the minds of its visitors - romance. But these days, winged love and tender words seem the last things on Verona's mind.

With a series of killings staining its image of itself, the sweet sorrow has turned sour and the city's elders seemed more preoccupied with a question they would rather not ask or answer in pohlic: Has the city fallen prey to what people call the "Verona Syndrome," meaning, in the words of a local reporter, "a concentration of evil" among its young people?

The question seems almost unlikely in a place whose modern prosperity easily matches the value of its antiquities. This, after all, is one of Italy's most cherished cities, rich in Roman ruins and gorgeous palaces as well as Iuliet's tomh and the famed balcony — built where it

never really existed in Shakespeare's day.

But in recent times, official corruption, drug abuse and the advent of skinhead and soccer violence have shifted the focus. Verona ranks as the second most corrupt city in Italy, after Milan, in terms of investigations

per elected officials: Its entire city council has been suspended over graft accusations. Its reputation as a drug-trafficking center has inspired Italian newspapers to call it the Bangkok of

Then, starting three years ago, the killings started. A 19-year-old, Pietro Marso, enlisted three friends to help him beat both his parents to death to obtain his inheritance.

A teenage girl hurled a newborn baby from a third-floor window to its death. A 66-year-old father shot his son to death out of exasperation at his demands for money to buy heroin. A 16year-old woman shot her father, accusing him of repeated sexual abuse.

In December, Marco Moschini and Riccardo Garbin had a few beers with friends and then went to throw rocks at cars on the freeway -"for fun, to enjoy ourselves," as one of them told the police later.

In the course of the adventure, they dropped a 30-pound boulder onto a passing sedan. It went through the suproof and killed the 25year-old passenger, Monica Zanotti, driving

To others, from societies more used to such violence, the incidents might have seemed sadly

familiar, Verona, however, was stunned, chilled by the lack of remorse among some of the killers and the echo their actions found among their peers.

Pietro Marso — young, handsome and spendthrift — became such a hero among the violence-prone Verona soccer supporters on the notorious "curva sud" - the southern curve of the local stadium that they composed a chant to sing his praises.

When he appeared in court before receiving a 30-year jail term, Mr. Marso said his motive in killing his parents was to obtain a legacy that

would give him "a brilliant life, with expensive cars and good-quality clothes."

It is this hankering for the materialist trimmings of modern Italian life that has touched off a debate here about the "Verona Syn-

Is it a phenomenon that applies only to Verona and the small towns of the surrounding Veneto region, where many of the crimes oc-

Or is it a parable for all of modern Italy, where the postwar wrench from agricultural to industrial society and the sudden advent of vast wealth have upended what were once viewed as the traditional values of a Roman Catholic

"Certainly these episodes are the warning lights of a malaise," Verona's bishop, Attilio Nitora, said in an interview. But, he added, they represented a broader "failure of our society to offer young people a challenge for the future" that, in turn, led to "the gestures of granuitous

This is a problem of how to live responsibly with a high standard of living, and it pertains

particularly to all of northern Italy," he said. Others see the "Verona Syndrome" as a direct result of the Veneto region's recent evolution from a traditional farming economy to lucrative food processing and light industries

that contributed greatly to Italy's economic boom in the 1980s. "The city of Verona is undergoing a major transformation from agricultural to industrial society," said Michelangelo Bellinetti, a Veronese commentator. "Traditionally, agricultural society was conservative: no risk, no imagina-tion, no confrontation. Industrial society de-

mands the opposite." "Verona has economic riches, and no cultur-

al identity," he said.

Ferdinando Camon, the Veneto region's best-known writer, called it "a fatal mixture of

Mafia Has a Stranglehold

UN Opens Airport In Bosnia's North

A Milestone in Peace Efforts

By Chuck Sudetic New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzego na - United Nations officials opened an airport Tuesday in the northern Bosnian city of Tuzla af-ter almost 18 months of pleas by

The opening came in the morning when a cargo jet carrying Unit-ed Nations officials and a symbolic load of medicine and other supplies touched down.

No start-up date for aid flights to the former Yugoslav Army air base has been set, said Kris Janowski, a spokesman for the UN High Com-

missioner for Refugees.
"There are still problems between the Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian government, and we have to

hold off until they agree."
While refugee relief officials here publicly assert that cargo flights into the airport would help their effort to supply 350,000 aid-dependent people in the Tuzla region with food and other supplies, the officials concede that the recent reopening of overland routes from Croatia and Serhia has virtually erased the airport's potential importance to the campaign.

"By the time it opens the airport may he superfluous, even for medical evacuations, because there is so little fighting in the Tuzla area," a UN official said. "The political momentum is such, however, that we had to go ahead with opening the airport."

Officials of Tuzla's local government have appealed to the United Nations to open the airport since the fall of 1992, but UN officials balked, fearing armed retaliation by the Serbs and insisting that the area was best supplied by ground

International pressure for opening the airport climaxed earlier this year after fighting in central Bosnia Embassy in and intransigence by the Serbs the old city.

Clinton Nominates Admiral

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton has nominated retired

Admiral William J. Crowe as ambassador to Britain, the White

"Admiral Crowe has distinguished himself through four decades of dedicated public service," Mr. Clintou said in a statement released

Admiral Crowe, 69, was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until

He is expected to take his new post in the late spring, after confirmation by the Senate. He will succeed Raymond G.H. Scitz.

As Ambassador to London

made the UN food trucks unable to reach thousands of people across large swaths of the Tuzla region. Nationalist Serbs, who regularly shelled the airport last year from gun positions just a few miles from its perimeter, have long opposed reopening the airport, asserting

that the Bosnian Army could use it to transport weapons into the area. Serhian leaders tentatively agreed to the airport's reopening when Russia pledged to send military observers to monitor shipments into the facility. Those observers have not yet arrived.

■ Croats and Serbs Meet

John Kifner of The New York Times reported from Zagreb: Croatian representatives began meetings Tuesday with breakaway Serbian nationalists from the Krajina region for the first time in two years under joint Russian, American and European aegis.

While the goal of the talks is relatively limited — consolidation of an existing cease-fire — it repre-sents another step in the rapidly unfolding American and Russian efforts in recent weeks to find a way to end the three-way war in the

With the signing of articles of confederation between once-warring Croatia and the Muslim-led Bosnian government, the pressure is now on the Serbs, who are still at

odds with both parties.
The meeting Tuesday was organized hy a Russian deputy foreign minister, Vitali I. Churkin, who shuttled between Zagreb, the Cro-atian capital, and Belgrade, Mr. Churkin, who arranged the

last-minute initiative that helped Bosnian Serbs comply with a NATO ultimatum to pull their heavy guns away from Sarajevo, greeted the group at the Russian Embassy in the wooded hills over



Yasushi Akashi, left, the UN special representative in the Balkans, taking part Tuesday in opening ceremonies at the Tuzla airport.

On the Streets, Ill Omens for Balladur

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service PARIS - When Edouard Balladur was

named prime minister last year, the French seemed ready for his reassuring grandfatherly style and, in no time, they turned the 64-yearold Gaullist into the front-runner to succeed President François Mitterrand in next year's

Cautious by nature, though, Mr. Balladur said he was puzzled to find he was popular while the French economy was stagnant and unemployment was still rising. In fact, he frequently cautioned aides that the seeds of social unrest lay beneath the country's apparently calm surface.

Balladur's first year in office on March 30, France's mood has begun to sour. Opinion polls have recorded the first sharp drop in the prime minister's popularity. More ominously, the specter of a massive protest movement, such as rocked France in 1968, is suddenly in the air.

"Are we back in May 1968?" Franz-Olivier Giesbert, the editor of the Paris daily Le Figaro, asked last week. "That question is said to haunt the prime minister. Indeed, at times it seems that France has gone into mental regression, marked by the same gloom that has preceded some political upheavals."

Other French publications have been no less alarmist. The cover of last week's edition of the magazine L'Evenément du Jeudi showed the prime minister wearing an 18th-century wig and, under the words, "It begins with euphoria, Balladur Louis XVI?

The immediate catalyst for this soul-searching has been a wave of angry and often-violent demonstrations by French youths protesting a government decree allowing employers to pay from 30 percent to 80 percent of the minimum wage to those under the age of 25.

About 200,000 people took to the streets throughout France on Thursday to demand revocation of the decree, which went into effect Tnesday. Since then, demonstrations have continued in many provincial cities, with serious clashes between police and demonstrators taking place in Nantes and Lyon on Monday and

four young French unable to find work, em-ployers will be encouraged to hire youths if they can pay less than the \$1,020 monthly minimum wage. But, having been told that higher education would bring them better-paying jobs, many students feel ambushed. Behind this dispute, however, lies the more

disturbing question of what future awaits not only French youth but France as a whole. And as more French feel their security and prosperity are no longer assured, they are beginning to direct their wrath at the political system.

The crushing defeat suffered by Mr. Mitter-rand's Socialists in parliamentary elections last year reflected France's disappointment with Socialist rule during 10 of the previous 12 years. But while voters gave conservatives 80 percent of the seats in the National Assembly, it was less clear they were opting for conservative

Indeed, since then, with the exception of his moves to tighten controls on immigration from the Third World, whenever Mr. Balladur has tried to apply conservative measures, he has faced resistance. And in three critical disputes -involving Air France workers, fishermen and a plan to increase government subsidies to private schools — he backed down.

In the case of the so-called youth wage, however, while making concessions to those with university degrees. Mr. Balladur has vowed to stand firm, contending that the scheme provides the only hope of employment for the unqualified youths who crowd poor, urban neighborhoods. But more angry prot seem likely.

The results of the first round of cantonal elections last weekend suggested that, in politi-cal terms, Mr. Balladur still has some room for mancuver. Although the Socialists recovered some of their traditional share of the vote at the expense of ecological parties, the conservative coalition, with 44.5 percent of ballots, did slightly better than a year ago.

But Mr. Balladur also knows that his political rivals are waiting for him to stumble. Former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing are unwilling to cede him the conservative coalition's nomination, while the leading Socialist contender, Michel Rocard, can only hope that social unrest will work to his advantage.

On Vote in Southern Italy

ROME - The Mafia controls up to 400,000 votes in Sicily, or 10 percent of the electorate there, a research institute said Tuesday.

"This is a real army capable of exercising pressure and condition-ing the electoral direction," the Eurispes organization said. General elections in Italy are set

The study said the 45,000 members of Sicily's 150 Mafia families could influence 350,000 to 400,000 votes, mostly through control of people involved in drug trafficking and extortion.

Sicily has a population of 5 million, with nearly 4.3 million of them eligible to vote, officials said.

The Eurispes study estimated that the Mafia had an annual turnover of \$58 billion from illegal activities, with as much as 30 percent

coming from control of construc-

works contracts.

The Mafia has used financial institutions, such as mortgage and holding companies, to recycle its profits and put them into the mainstream economy, Eurispes said. Organized crime's interest in the

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elections, the first since a two-year corruption scandal discredited traditional parties, was emphasized on Saturday when gunnen killed an anti-Mafia priest near Naples. The Reverend Giuseppe Diana was killed four days after he and other priests in the town of Casal di Principe had met magistrates to discuss the local Mafia's political connec-

Politicians saw the murder as a warning to voters in Italy's crimeridden south to back Mafia-supported candidates.

The Mafia has threatened several leftist Sicilian mayors who won office in December's local elections

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexico Mediator Declines Candidacy

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) — The government's envoy in peace talks with rebel peasants, Manuel Camacho Solis, said Tuesday that he would not run for president, ending speculation that he would challenge the leadership of the governing party.

Mr. Camacho, the former Mexico City mayor who earlier left the door

open to a challenge to the Institutional Revolutionary Party's official candidate, said he would dedicate himself to bringing a peaceful end to the peasant uprising in southern Chiapas state.

Between seeking a candidacy for the presidency of the republic, and the contribution I could make to the peace process in Chiapas, I choose peace," Mr. Camacho said. "If people carry on perceiving that my priority is to achieve a candidacy for the presidency of the republic, it would end up harming the peace process.

Cuba Cuts Defense Budget by 50%

HAVANA (Reuters) - Cuba's armed forces have slashed their budget by half to ease their cost to the nation during the economic crisis, according to Granma, the newspaper of the ruling Communist Party, on

The newspaper did not give comparative figures for the old or new military budget, but noted that the cost-cutting helped reduce the overall state budget deficit. Cuba's total budget deficit in 1993 was more than \$5.2 billion. The report noted that the armed forces were moving toward

total self-sufficiency in food. It also said that the Youth Work Army — soldiers who work in civilian agricultural projects — was now farming produce such as sugar, citrus fruit, coffee and tobacco on 200,000 hectares throughout Cuba, The force was producing 632,000 metric tons of food products a year, the report

Algerian Women Protest Violence

ALGIERS (AP) - Women's groups led tens of thousands at a rally Tuesday to voice their anger over political assassinations and threats against unveiled women during a two-year-old Muslim fundamentalist

insurgency.

"Too much blood, too many tears, together we save Algeria," the protesters chanted. "Women have dignity and won't accept shame." Heavy police protection was arranged for the officially sanctioned protest. Estimates of the turnout ranged from 50,000 to 150,000.

The rally was held outside the School of Fine Arts and led by the wife

of the school's director, who along with their 22-year-old son was assassinated inside the building on March 5. Militants have targeted journalists, public officials, intellectuals and foreigners in their fight to bring down the army-led government

Testimony of Mosque Survivors Is Chaotic and Contradictory

By David Hoffman

House said Tuesday.

JERUSALEM - Palestinian survivors of the Hebron massacre testified Tuesday that they heard gunfire from more than one direction during the assault in which 29 Muslim worshippers were killed.

But in their first public statements to the Israeli commission in-



tory picture of what happened in- stein's weapon. side the mosque.

Although several of the witnesses said they believed there was a second gumman, none could describe him, and members of the investigating panel pointed out that wit- at the onset of Dr. Goldstein's firnesses had changed their stories from statements given to police and dering scene in which glass was human-nights workers just after the falling from a chandelier, sparks

The Israeli Army has said that a militant settler. Baruch Goldstein, scrambling for safety.



The army has also said its investigation discovered no traces of a grenade in the attack. However, a number of the Palestinian witness-es recalled hearing an "explosion" ing. Some also described a bewilwere flying from bullets hitting the walls and doors, and people were

Mohammed Jabaari, 29, told the panel that he first heard an explovestigating the Feb. 25 massacre, acted alone in the assault, and that the Palestinian witnesses offered a chaotic and sometimes contradicthe Patriarchs were from Dr. Goldthe Dr. Goldth than 500 Palestinian men were

praying during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Mr. Jabaari said he turned around and saw Dr. Goldstein firing, wearing protective ear coverings. Mr. Jabaari said he did not see a second gunman, but he added, "I know there was another source of

fire because when he was changing magazines there was still fire." Maybe there was even a third source of fire," he said. But Judge Eliezer Goldberg of the Israeli Subriezer Goldberg of the Israel Darbert Court repeatedly questioned Mr. Jabaari on why his testimony an ambulance carrying a badly wounded man when the army wounded man when the army

organization Btselem just after the killings. "The truth is," Mr. Jabaari insisted, "there was more than one

Another witness, Abdel Hafez witnesses acknowledged that they Jabaari, also said he heard shooting had closed the gate.

He said he had only seen one person shooting, but had heard shooting "from other places as well." When pressed as to why he had not included this in an earlier statement, the second Mr. Jabaari said he had been tired when he gave the first statement.

Several of the witnesses complained that the evacuation of the wounded from Hebron was impeded by soldiers, but again the panel seemed skeptical and pressed for

five minutes. Arafat Quarami Kar-aki said soldiers had also prevented Palestinians from taking the wounded out of the mosque from

At another point, Mr. Karaki complained at length about a confrontation between Jewish settlers and Palestinians, in which he said he decided not to complain to the police because "there was no point to complain, there are no results."

■ U.S. Hopeful on Talks Dennis Ross, the U.S. Middle East peace process coordinator, said Tuesday that he saw signs the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel could agree to restart peace talks frozen for three weeks after the slaying of 29 Palestinians in Hebron, Reuters reported

"I think we had very productive discussions with Chairman Arafat," Mr. Ross said, referring to Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader. Mr. Ross was speaking after a 90-minute meeting with the Egyptian foreign minister, Amr Moussa.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Japanese to Travel More, Spend Less

TOKYO (Reuters) - More Japanese are likely to travel abroad on vacation this year because tour packages are more attractive and the year is stronger, but they will not be spending as freely as they once did, a tourism authority said.

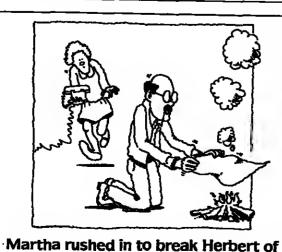
"We see a record number of Japanese visiting overseas in 1994 but we think they will spend less," said Hiroshi Kumimetsu, spokesman for Japan's largest travel agency, Japan Travel Bureau.

His company expects 12.4 million Japanese to travel overseas in 1994.

compared with an estimated record 11.9 million in 1993. Mr. Kunimatsu said he expected Japanese overseas travelers to spend an average 364,000 yen (\$3,450) per trip in 1994, down 2.8 percent from 375,000 yen in 1993. A group of 79 American and Canadian tourists were stranded on the Falkland Islands after their Russian cruise ship was impounded for outstanding debts, officials said. Airline flights on Papera New Guinea are being rescheduled to avoid collisions with flocks of migrating fruit bats. An official said Tuesday that at least two jets had been damaged when they sucked bats into their

Revenue declined at French ski resort hotels this winter despite the return of perfect conditions following years of patry snow cover. Hotel revenues were off between 10 percent and 20 percent from last year even though the number of tourists was steady and snow plentiful, the Tourist Hotel Federation said Tuesday. Skiers sought cheaper hotels even though most establishments offered cut rates this season, it said. (Reuters)

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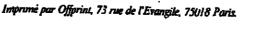
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Hale's charge, and this week Mr.

Clinton called it "a bunch of bull."

As Mr. Hale pleaded guilty here Tuesday to two felony counts, nei-

fense Budget by 5% torney, Randy Coleman, would say whether Mr. Hale had offered corroborating evidence for his accusation that Mr. Clinton, while governor, had asked him on two

James McDougal, owner of Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

Mr. McDougal and his wife, Susan, were partners with Bill and Hillary Clinton in Whitewater De-AND William Strain - Commission company. Along with Mr. Hale's allegation, the special counsel is examining Whitewater, its ties to Madison: the Inly spicide of the deputy White House counsel, Vincent W. Foster Jr., and a series of countacts between the White House

and the Treasury regarding the Madison investigation. Mr. Coleman did say that Mr. Hale had provided Mr. Fiske with considerably more detail about all the transactions he was involved with in the three weeks since Mr.

Fiske initiated plea-bargaining talks. Mr. Hale has said he

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loans to benefit other politicians, including Jim Guy Tucker, the current Arkansas governor.

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1991 from his company and the
Small Business Administration.
While Mr. Clinton's name was not
mentioned in the court hearing.
Mr. Fiske told the judge that Mr.
Hale's cooperation "allows us now
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House, Too, Votes to Hold Hearings on Whitewater

WASHINGTON - The House, following the Senate's lead, voted on Tuesday to hold

hearings on the Whitewater case that has become a political nightmare for the Clinton The timing and form of the hearings were to be decided in negotiations between Demo-

cratie and Republican leaders. Democrats said they would make a goodfaith effort to get an agreement but gave no

By a vote of 408 to 15, the House passed a nunbinding resolution calling for hearings, identical to one passed unanimously by the Senate last week

The House majority leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, told Republicans that it was possible that agreement would not be reached on how to schedule hearings but promised that "there will be an attempt made in good faith to have comprehensive

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tion to our investigation" by telling

a grand jury about his allegation that President Bill Clinton pressured him to make improper loans Mr. Fiske said that the accusa-

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He admitted to conspiring to de-fraud the Small Business Adminis-

had been used to make a \$300,000

loan to Susan McDougal, Part of

that money, in turn, was used to buy a piece of land in Whitewater's

name, Mr. McDougal and the Clintons have said the Clintons were

unaware of that transaction and Mr. McDougal transferred that land out of Whitewater's name

within a few months.

The Main has threeten. The Whitewater special counsel, first Salam markets. Robert B. Fiske Jr., said Tuesday

hearings that will put all the facts on the

Legislators pledged that any hearings would neither impede a special counsel's investigation on Whitewater nor leave Congress in gridlock.

"While we cannot and should not ignore Whitewater, neither can we allow it to flood the chamber," Mr. Gephardt said.

The legislation marked a retreat for House Speaker Thomas S. Foley of Washington, who has been under pressure from Republicans and some Democrats to drop his opposition to hearings.

Mr. Foley said that he and leading Republicans would meet soon to discuss the details involved in the bearings. The House Republican leader, Robert H.

Michel, pledged hearings "in a very orderly

He added, "f don't want to see any kind of

a "concession that hearings are going to take place," and stressed that it was possible he and Mr. Michel would fail to reach agreement on terms.

But given a 98-to-0 Senate vote last week and consistent pressure from House Republicans, some type of congressional probe into Whitewater appears inevitable.

Mr. Foley stressed that oo hearings would interfere with the work of Robert B. Fiske interfere with the work of Robert B. FISKE

Ir., the special counsel looking into erument handling of the savings and loan industry cleanup. Mr. Gonzalez urged Mr. granted to any witness without the approval of the special counsel."

He said he did not favor appointment of a select committee to investigate Whitewater, such as was appointed during the Watergate scandal io the Richard Nixon administration and the Iran-contra affair in the Ronald

Reagan administration. Several committees have jurisdiction on

Mr. Foley insisted that be was not making issues raised by the Whitewater affair involving Mr. Clinton's investment in a vacation development project in Arkansas in partnership with the head of the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, which was later shut down at a cost to taxpayers of \$47 million.

Agreement on hearings was reached one day after the chairman of the Banking Committee, Henry B. Gonzalez of Texas, abruptly called off a meeting of his committee.

In postponing a required hearing on gov-Foley in a letter to seek a resolution calling for hearings, possibly by a select committee, on Whitewater,

He accused the Republicans of using half-truths old rumors, half-baked conspirately the state of acy theories and outright lies" in "a mali-cious campaign of character assassination" in pursuing Whitewater charges.

(AP, Reuters)

Sixfold Cigarette Tax Gains

WASHINGTON - A House Ways and Means panel Tuesday voted to raise cigarette taxes by \$1.25 a pack to help pay for health reforms, includ-ing insurance subsidies for small businesses.

The proposal was approved, 6 to 5, with support from five Democrats and one Republican, Representative Nancy L. Johnson of Connecticut.

The increase would raise taxes on each pack of cigarettes from the current 24 cents to \$1.49. It would raise roughly \$16 billion.

A Health-Conscious Congress WASHINGTON - As Congress debates health

care reform, the generous medical benefits lawmakers enjoy are receiving closer scrutiny. "I think everybody should have health care that is as good as members of Congress have," said

James Firman, president of the United Seniors Health Cooperative, a consumer group. Representative Jim Cooper, Democrat of Tennessee, author of an alternative health plan, ac-

knowledges that many of his constituents believe just that. "There's a great concern about congressional hypocrisy on a number of issues," he said. "Health care is one of them." Like other federal employees, members of Con-gress receive insurance through the Federal Em-

ployees Health Benefits Program, which offers 14 plans and more than 200 bealth organizations nationwide at moothly costs ranging from \$63.58 to \$501.96 for family coverage.

Liberal in Line for House Post

WASHINGTON - Representative David R. Obey, a liberal Democrat and reformist from Wisconsin, is all but certain to be named acting chairman of the House Appropriations Committee to replace the ailing chairman, William H. Natcher, Democrat of Kentucky. Mr. Obey has gained the endorsement of the Democratic Steering and Poli-The policy committee's choice of Mr. Obey, 55,

over Representative Neal Smith of Iowa, 73, sent a

message that the Democrats want a more aggressive and politically active chairman.

"Everyone likes Neal, but everyone respects Dave's leadership abilities," said the House Budget Committee chairman, Martin O. Sabo, Democrat

of Minnesota. Mr. Obey, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and of the foreign operations subcommittee of the appropriations panel, has been a leading bberal spokesman on economic policy and institutional reform.

Hillary Clinton's Taste-Tests

WASHINGTON - In between entertaining the media at the Gridiron dinner and fending off the media over Whitewater, Hillary Rodham Clinton has been eating.

The first lady will select a new White House chef

from among a half dozen American specialists. based on interviews and tastings.

Believed to he still in the running: Nora Pouillon, chef-owner of Nora Restaurant and City Cafe in Washington; Frank Ruta, who was the White House sous-chef under the Reagans and now cooks at the River Club in the capital: Ris Lacoste. who was at the defunct 21 Federal and is now the sous-chef at the popular Kincaid; Will Greenwood of the Jefferson Hotel; and from New York, Anne Rosensweig, the chef at Arcadia.

Earlier this month, the bead White House chef, Pierre Chambrin, resigned, apparently because be and Mrs. Clinton were at odds over his Freoch cooking. He was also said to be frustrated by the Clintons' erratic entertaining.

Quote/Unquote

Cathy Hughes, a Washington talk show host, on the political morass of Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly and the rising popularity of her predecessor, Mar-ion S. Barry Jr., who was arrested in 1990 on drug charges: "This whole wave of popularity isn't so much people liking Marion as it is a protest against her. People are saying, 'We'd rather have him high than to have her sober.'

Away From Politics

• The Supreme Court on Tuesday reductantly up-held jury instructions used in California and Nebraska to explain that criminal defendants must be proved guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt." The instructions used in two death-penalty cases were troubling in places but did not violate the constitution, the court ruled. Defining the concept of "beyond a reasonable doubt" is difficult, but the constitution does not require the use of any particular words, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court. The instructions used to convict murder defendants in California and Nebraska said a reasonable doubt would keep a juror from deciding "to a moral certainty" that a defendant was guilty. Attorneys for the defendants contended those instructions allowed the defendants to be convicted on an improperly low level of proof. Pope John Paul II cannot be named as a defen

dant in a suit seeking damages for alleged child

abuse by a Catholie priest, a Texas judge has ruled. The judge held that the Pope was covered under diplomatic immunity afforded to heads of state.

* Seeking to send "a clear message" to stop dis-crimination against AIDS patients, the Justice De-partment has announced the settlement of a case involving the refusal of Philadelphia medical technicians to provide help to a man with the HIV virus. The settlement, the first involving an AIDS case under the Americans with Disabilities Act, bars emergency medical personnel from refusing assistance to people with HIV or AIDS. It also requires that Philadelphia's 2,300 fire fighters and emergency medical workers undergo three hours of training in handling possible AIDS-related cases.

 After secretiy observing a \$20,000 ransom payment on a street corner in New York's Lower East Side, federal agents arrested 10 Asian gang members who they said had kidnapped and tortured four illegal immigrants from China over the week-AP. Reigers, LAT. NYT

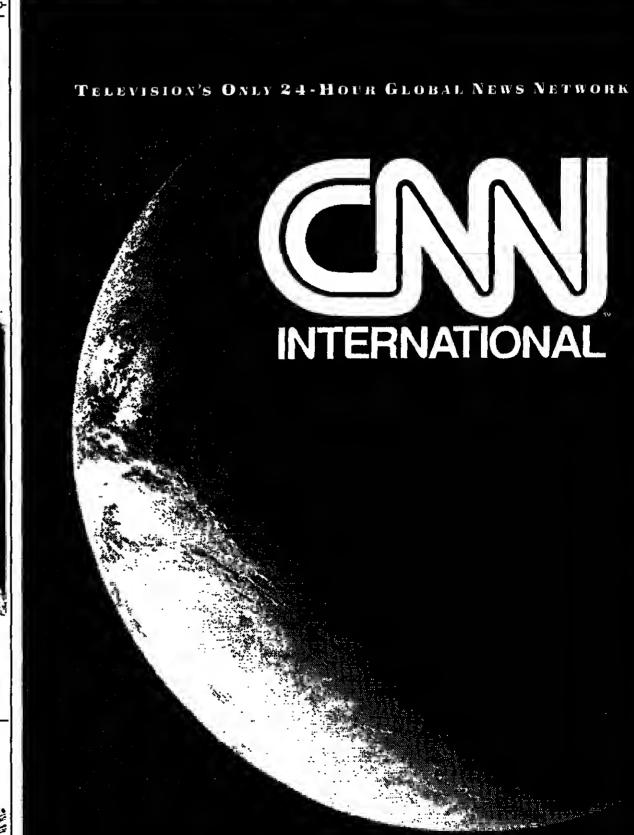


WASHINGTON - A powerful House committee chairman is circulating a scaled-back alternative to President Bill Clinton's health care bill that maintains his goal of while cutting the bureaucracy to administer it, reducing the cost to

crat of Michigan, who heads the tain Mr. Clinton's goals of making Energy and Commerce Committee, coverage permanent and cutting is the first significant movement costs while doing away with a main from Mr. Clinton's supporters to element of his plan: the notion of health insurance for all Americans trim his plan in the hope of getting insurance purchasing alliances that enough votes to pass it.

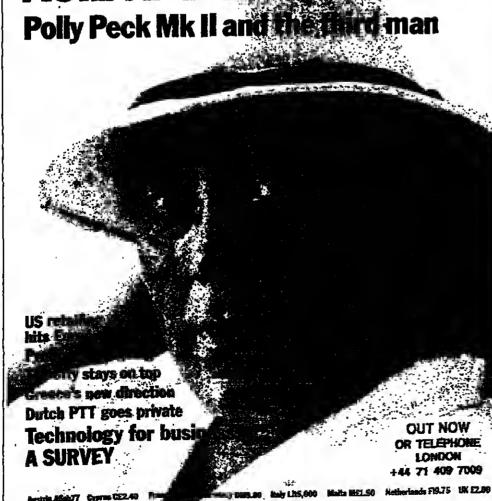
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Macdonald Carey, Actor, Dies at 81

By Richard Severo New York Times Service

Macdonald Carey, 81, one of Hollywood's leading men in the 1940s and '50s who then spent the better part of three decades playing a kindly patriarch, Dr. Tom Hor-ton, on the TV soap opera "Days of Our Lives," died Monday in Beverly Hills, California.

In September 1991, Mr. Carey had a cancerous tumor removed from his lung. He returned to the show after his recuperation.

As a young actor, Mr. Carey was in demand for his fresh-scrubbed masculinity, easy ways, and smooth, resonant voice. One of his first films was "Wake Island" (1942), in which he played a valiant young Marine officer in the early months of World War II. That role led him to try to enlist in the Ma-rines. When he was turned down because of an eye problem, he went to a clinic and learned to do eye exercises that months later, he said, made him an acceptable enlistee. As a Marine radar specialist in the Pacific, he participated in the batHe also appeared in Alfred Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Donbt," released in 1943, in which he greatest Spanish poets. played an earnest detective who becomes romantically involved with a killer's niece.

Among his other films were "Suddenly It's Spring" (1946); "Dream Girl" (1948); "Streets of Laredo" (1949); "Bride of Vengeance" (1949); "The Great Missouri Raid" (1950]; and "Comanche Territory" (1950). During his early years, he was also active in radio, acting in soap operas like
"John's Other Wife" and on the
mystery series "Lights Out."
He was born in Sioux City, Iowa,

the son of an investment banker. He was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and the universities of Iowa and Wisconsin. He was at first attracted to the law but then became interested in acting.

José Coronel Urtecho, 88, a Nicaraguan poet and pillar of the literary Vanguard Movement of the 1950s, died Saturday in southern Nicaragua. He and others in the movement are credited with injecttles of Bougainville and Mindanao. ing renewed importance into Nica- thorities saying they were relatives.

raguan poetry following the death in 1916 of Ruben Dario, one the

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Dack Rambo, 53, who played the silver-haired Jack Ewing on "Dallas" and a congressman on the soap opera "Another World" before he learned he was infected with AIDS and quit show business, died Mon-

Kenneth St. Joseph, 81, a British geologist who helped develop the use of aerial photography for the study of the Roman forts and other imperial remains, died of a heart attack March 11 in Histon, England, near Cambridge. He was a lecturer in the natural sciences and dean at Cambridge University's Selwyn College from 1939 to 1962.

Arthur Tanbenan, 92. e self-made husinessman who built the Advance Stores auto parts chain into a multimillion-dollar business, died March 15 in Boca Raton, Florida. During World War II, he also helped about 500 European Jews reach the United States by filing affidavits with the immigration an-

AMERICAN TOPICS

A Years-Long Effort

To Heal Everglades A broad effort to restore the Florida Everglades, one of the world's superlative ecosystems, is slowly gathering speed, The New York Times reports.

It is none too soon. Where lourists can now see perhaps a score of wading birds at once. there were thousands not so long ago. And this is only one sign of decline. People have reduced the Everglades by half, to about 2,000 square miles, (5,200 square kilometers) over the past century, and have diverted too much water from what remains.

Now some of the same federal and state agencies that oversaw the decline of the Everglades are combining efforts to re-establish, as far as possible, the natural flows and rhythms of its water its hydrology. This will mean partly undoing the vast network of canals and levees that altered the natural hydrology almost beyoud recognition in an effort to drain land for South Florida's cities and farms, supply them with water and protect them from

floods. Restoring the Everglades will take many years. But proponents of the restoration insist that apart from the Everglades' intrinsic value, their role in recharging the state's aquifers and attracting tourists makes them an indispensable economic asset.

Short Takes

The U.S. population aged about e year between 1990 and 1993, simply hy having more births than deaths. The U.S. Census Bureau said there were 257,908,000 Americans as of last July 1, with a median age of 33.7. This is up from a median age of 32.8 in 1990. Median age means half of the people are older and half younger than that age. As medicine lengthens life spans and the overall birthrate falls, the median age gets older over time. But since there are still more births than deaths, the population isn't growing older at the same pace that nime passes.

A champion of separate colleges for women, Judith Shapiro, has been named the new presi-dent of Barnard College, the sis-ter institution of Columbia University in New York. Ms. Shapiro, 52, is provost of another Ivy League school, Bryn Mawr, outside Philadelphia, and a noted anthropologist who specializes in gender differences. In July she will succeed Ellen Futter, a corporate lawyer who headed Barnard for 13 years.

The swallows returned to Mission San Juan Capistrano in California last week, as they have done every March 19 in the 213year history of the old Spanish mission. The impeccable timing of the swallows' return from their winter home 6,000 miles (more than 9,600 kilometers) to the south in Argentina has baffled

Film ticket prices cost an average \$4.14 last year, the third consecutive drop from a 1990 high of \$4.23. Making films, however, is getting more expensive. The average major-studio movie made last year cost \$29.9 million, up almost 4 percent from the previous year. When marketing costs are added,

this comes to \$44 million. Holly-wood produced 156 films in 1993. No need to worry about gigantic tides or being ripped sideways out of your living room chair when all nine planets are in alignment. For one thing the term is only relative. The Washington Post reports.

In the alignment of 1982, most of the planets were scattered over 90 degrees of arc in the sky.

According to the U.S. Naval Observatory, even if all nine planets lined up in a precise row, the maximum tidal force would be only about 0.0001 percent of the ordinary everyday tidal forces of the sun and moon.

Arthur Higbœ

Vatican Reaffirms Stance on Priestly Virtues and Dress

- interior

VATICAN CITY - The Vatican warned priests on Tuesday that the Church would not tolerate open criticism and reminded them to stick to clerical clothes, shun smart cars, abstain from sex and stay out of politics.

A manual on priestly behavior told the world's 400,000 priests that the church was not a democracy hul a hierarchical organization that did not allow criticism of its teach-

ings. Clergy should wear "suitable ecclesiastical dress" — either a cas-sock or clothing distinguishing

them from nonclerics. The directive said priests "must lead a simple life and avoid any-thing which could have an air of vanity."

They must "eliminate any kind of affectation and luxury" in their living quarters, means of transport and choice of holidays. The manual reiterated its rule

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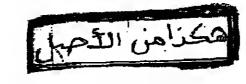
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on China and on the former Soviet Union to supplement an economy that was clearly in no shape to go it alone - he has trained two generations of North Koreans to go without, and do so without public complaint. In the next several months, the world may discover whether Mr. Kim's form of xenophobic nationalism, backed up by hrutal social controls, is also an effective defense strategy.

By David E. Sanger

lies in Asia have been confronted

with a peculiar quandary: How do

you isolate the world's most isolat-

So far, there is no economie embargo against Pyongyang, but the Clinton administration has made it clear that one is virtually inevitable unless Mr. Kim relents, and allows international inspectors free run of the North's nuclear sites.

But one reason the United States keeps letting deadlines slip, and always describes sanctions as the next step after giving North Korea one more chance, is that many in Asia feel they will not work. Even if China and Japan, the North's biggest trading neighbors, have the political will to risk a confrontation with the North - which is still doubtful - they may have little effect on a country hy some estimates imports only 10 percent of what it consumes.

"Sanctions can be a very long, drawn-out process that gradually puts a squeeze on North Korea," Kim Kyung Won, the president of South Korea's Institute of Social Sciences and a former ambassador to the United States, said recently. "But will they change the minds of the North Korean regime?" he asked, and persuade them to "throw open the doors" to Yonghyon, the country's secret nuclear

be difficult to enforce, with only 10 percent of North Korea's economy coming from external trade. The numbers are shaky, because the North publishes virtually no economic statistics. Unlike Iraq, North Korea's trad-

ing partners are few. There is cash flowing in from Japan, almost all of it from the wealthy Korean-Japanese community, much of it paid in hopes of aiding relatives. Though no one knows how much is involved, intelligence estimates in Japan vary from \$600 million to \$1.6 billion a year, most of it moving in

There is oil, clothes and rice from Tumen River, the barren border counts."

between the two countries, has dwindled as the North Koreans TOKYO - From the first talk a have run out of hard currency. year ago about imposing economic There is more oil from Iran, to sanctions to make North Korea return, according to the Central Inrein in its nuclear ambitions, the telligence Agency, for North Ko-Clinton administration and its alrea's missile technology.

The Empty Threat

Over North Korea

How Could an Embargo Hurt

A Nation That Does Without?

Russia is still a supplier, but its volume of trade with North Korea is believed to have plummeted. The North's biggest business in Russia is operating logging camps in the Russian Far East, surrounded by

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barbed wire and populated by North Korean workers who, defectors say, are virtual slaves, forced to cui down trees from dawn to late into the night.

Some South Koreans say that all those supplies are strategic, and North Korea would collapse with-

"It could be devastating," said Cha Young Koo of the Institute for National Defense, and one of those urging a harder line. "I think that when people say that the North Koreans can endure economie sanctions, they're overrating the North's ability."
But as the United States has

learned from other embargoes, cutting off those few links with the outside world is never as simple as it looks. Many doubt if China and Japan, each for very different rea-sons, have the political will to cut North Korea off as part of an American-led effort to stop one of the world's biggest proliferation threats. And even if they agreed on paper, the embargo would be enormously difficult to enforce without stopping and boarding ships at sea - especially to halt the Iranian oil tankers - an act that North Korea has already said it would regard as

"I don't like the word 'intimidated," a senior Japanese official said the other day, asked if his country's continued reticence about sanctions is rooted to a deep fear that Japan could suddenly find its swept into a conflict about which the Japanese public has stayed hlissfully unaware.

tantamount to war.

make North Korea even more emotional would be counterproduc-

Stopping the funds from Japan , perhaps, the best example of the political and technical complexities of enforcing an embargo to the cultural quicksand of Asia.

There is no secret about the flow "Would it bring about a political of money: In a popular movie collapse? In a country that has survived with so little for so long, it is hard to see how."

of money: In a popular movie about Japanese-Koreans, "Which way is the Moon," the lead characters spend a good deal of time con-In theory, sanctions should not cealing wads of cash in a box about to the North.

> about how the money gets from Osaka's pachinko parlors — a pinball-like game and multibilliondollar business that is dominated by Koreans - to the government leaders to Pyongyang, Japan devotes nearly half its toternal totelligence effort to tracking the North Korean community here, especially the Chosun Soren, the organization that represents many of the 300,000 Koreans in Japan who profess

some loyalty to North Korea. "We know who goes in and out of North Korea," a senior Japanese China, though the supply across official said, "and we know what the rickety railroad bridge over the hanks they use for dummy ac-

A Defector Warns South Of Chemical Destruction

SEOUL — North Korea has built a huge arsenal of toxic chemicals to case of war with South Korea, a defector from the Communist state said Tuesday.

The defector, Sergeant Lee Chung Kuk, 26, said that 'North Korea has enough chemical weapons to destroy the southern part of the peninsula without using nuclear weapons.

the peninsula without using nuclear weapons."

Mr. Lee, whom authorities identified as belonging to a biological and chemical unit near Pyongyang, was the first North Korean chemical warfare soldier to defect to South Korea. He arrived in Seoul last week by way of an unspecified third country.

"They have built vast chemical weapons that are powerful and toxic enough to kill all 40 million South Koreans," Mr. Lee said at a soverment arranged news conference.

government-arranged news conference.

South Korean officials have warned that the North Korean military has one of the world's largest chemical units. Some experts say that the North's medium-range missiles, with a rated range of 1,000 kilometers (600 miles), can carry chemical as well as nuclear

Mr. Lee said he had defected because he was blacklisted and had warheads. no chance for promotion in the North Korean Army. He left his unit in November and crossed the border toto China a few days later. He said the North's 1.1 million-member army was on high alert,

and that all of its enlisted men were required to shave their heads in October as part of stepped-up preparations for war.

KOREA: 'Brink of War'

Continued from Page 1 Korea has already built a nuclear

In Seoul, many officials think the nuclear question is more ambiguous than that "Nobody really knows," said Kim Sam Hoon, special assistant for nuclear matters to the Foreign Ministry, "if they really want to develop nuclear weapons or if they just want to pretend to have a card in their pocket for ne-

gotiating." Some observers in Seoul say they find it unusual that the United States bas portrayed the North Korean regime as a potential danger to the world, North Korea is a starving little country with a GNP probably smaller than Albania's, and Washington treats it like some great threat to world peace," said a senior Western ohserver here.

"Is this a nuclear card they are playing?,' he asked. "We don't know that yet. We know that the Chinese have sheer contempt for the level of technology to North Korea. And yet Washington is carrying on like North Korea has the capability to destroy the world by

American officials counter that one reason North Korea is such a poor country is that the ruling clique had poured all its development money into weapons. "They deprive their people of the basics so they can put more money into this nuclear weapons program," a Pen-

tagon official said. President Kim said Tuesday that he would discuss the North Korea situation when he visits Japan and China this week and next.



TWO FOR THE SHOW -A deputy of the National Peoples' Congress tidying up before closing ceremonies Tuesday in Beijing.

Khmer Rouge Blocks Flights to Ex-Base

nd around the town.

The fall of the Khmer Rouge

Thailand, which denies that it sup-

another day.

base set off an exodus of guerrillas and their followers to Thailand, but

analysis say they believe the

Khmer Rouge will return to fight

Diplomats, government soldiers and independent military analysts

have questioned the wisdom of the

army's offensive against Pailin.

saying it could be difficult to hold

and vulnerable to counterattack.

The base, 12 kilometers from the

Thai border, is surrounded by

densely forested hills that offer ide-

al positions for artillery, they say.

line reported heavy fighting over

the last 48 hours around strategic

Diplomats say the government's ability to hold on to Pailin depends

hilltop positions near the town.

Soldiers returning from the front

cial forces dressed in Khmer Rouge uniforms led the attack on Pailin,

The soldier, who gave his name

only as Ney, said that after the

attack on Saturday the rebels had

scattered from Pailin and split into

small groups that attacked the

tion," said another soldier in the

squad, referring to the Khmer

Rouge. "They seem to keep it ev-

The Cambodian Army has said that it captured Pailin at 6 P.M. on

Saturday. It is continuing to pour

in men and equipment to support

scores of fortified bases being es-

tablished along access routes to

and around the town.

"They have so much ammuni-

town three or four times a day.

confirmed.

KON DAMREI, Cambodia --Stiffening Khmer Rouge resistance but they have not been officially around its former base at Pailin has forced the Cambodian Army to eease resupply and medical flights to the war-battered town, government soldiers said on Tuesday.

A helicopter flight that had been scheduled to take United Nations military observers and foreign military attachès to Pailin was canceled on Tuesday, officials said.

A government soldier said that the army was being forced to use another landing site about four kilometers away, which had also come under attack, The soldier, like the other 10 men in his squad, was dressed in Khmer Rouge uniform and wore no Cambodian Army The men said they belonged to a

70-member special forces unit that spearheaded the assault on Pailin accompanied by tanks, There had been reports that spe-

U.S. to Test "We are cautious," he said. "To Pakistan on

Nuclear Plan Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration wants Pakistan to cap its nuclear weapons program in exchange for a onetime exemption

from the congressional ban on U.S. military aid, Undersecretary of State Lynn E. Davis said Tuesday. If Pakistan accepts the deal, the administration would ask Congress to allow delivery of F-16 fighter Nor are there many doubts planes that Pakistan had purchased from the United States, she said.

Delivery was held up by the 1985 congressional dictum that blocked all but humanitarian aid unless the U.S. government can certify that Pakistan is not producing a nuclear bomb. Since 1990, U.S. officials have been unable to certify that Pakistan was not developing nuclear weapons.

The U.S. will try to bring the two states into a proposed comprehensive treaty banning nuclear testing and into a proposed convention that would ban the production of fissile materials for nuclear weap-

The plan would not require Pakistan to completely abandon its nuclear program, but simply to not move beyond its current produc-16s, for which Pakistan has already paid, as a carrot that possibly could advance the policy.

Ms. Davis said the proposal was for a onetime exception to the military aid ban with the goal of getting Pakistan to cap production of atomic material, in a manner that could be verified.

Pakistan and its neighbor, India, are longtime rivals that both have advanced nuclear programs. U.S. officials are concerned about longstanding friedon hetween the two

Administration officials say the ban on military aid has failed in its goal to keep Pakistan from attaining nuclear capability and that a new approach is needed to halt the growth of regional nuclear programs and eventually roll them back. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. Aide to Try To Appease India

WASHINGTON - Strobe Talbott, who plans to make his inaugural trip abroad as deputy secretary of state early next month, will stop first in New Delhi to try to ease tensions in U.S.-Indian relations, the State Department announced.

The department spokesman, Mike McCurry, acknowledged that Mr. Talbott's trip was related to a growing feeling to India that the Clinton administration had been neglectful and even antagonistic toward New Delhi over Kashmir.

Mr. Talbott is also scheduled to visit Pakistan, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Belgium during his April 5-13 tour.

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BELITNG - Prime Minister Li Peng struck a more conciliatory ione to describing relations with ing that Beijing had already taken steps to improve relations and saythe future. His comments were a shift from Beijing's initial harsh assessment of cent visit of Secretary of State War-

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ren M. Christopher. Mr. Christopher's visit was marked by sharp exchanges over human rights as authorities detained more than a dozen pro-democracy activisis before and dur-

By Lena H. Sun

ing his trip.

But even as Mr. Li adopted a more moderate stance, a strident editorial to a leading Chinese newspaper blasted as meddling in Chi-na's domestic affairs "foreigners with alterior motives" who seek the release of political prisoners.

The seemingly contradictory stances underscored the sharp difports the Maoist guerrillas. But Thai businesses have benefited ferences within the ruling Communist Party over what further hu-man-rights concessions, if any, may be forthcoming from Beijing.

ing concessions from the Khmer Speaking Triesday at the conclusion of the National People's Conence of interest between the guerril-las and local Thai civil and military gress, the rubber-stamp parlia-ment, Mr. Li said Mr. Christopher's visit was helpful as Washing-At present, tanks are the only ton weighed renewal of Beijing's low-tariff trade status in coming vehicle that can reach Pailin from Kon Damrei, 16 kilometers to the months. He said Mr. Christopher's personal meetings with Chinese leaders had succeeded in giving each country a clearer view of the other's positions.

This may perhaps help the United States, through careful con-The government has not released casualty figures for the fighting siderations, to make decisions in around Pailin, but n says that the the next few months that will be in Khmer Rouge abandoned large quantities of supplies in its haste to keeping with the interests of both the United States and China," he

But Not on Rights "I would like to take this opportunity to reassert that China is ready to improve Chinese-American relations," he said, "China has already made efforts in this regard the United States on Tuesday, not- and it will continue to do so in the

China Shifts Tone

On U.S. Relations

future. Under an executive order issued ing it would continue to do more in last year, President Bill Clinton must decide in June whether Beijing has made enough progress on human rights to merit an extension U.S.-China relations after the re- of its most-favored-nation trading status.

> The trading status is critical to China's booming economy. If the status were revoked, Hong Kong, Taiwan and American investors in China would also suffer.

Mr. Clinton has said there must be "overall significant progress" in several human rights areas. Chinese officials have made some minor concessions. They have supplied some information about political prisoners, promised to take reports from American technicians on the jamming of the Voice of America, agreed to permit inspections of prison labor camps suspected of exporting products made by prison labor to the United States, and said they would continue to talk to the International Committee of the Red Cross on access

In its editorial Tuesday, the offi-cial Enlightenment Daily criticized "some people abroad" who "time and again put forward lists of names of allegedly persecuted peo-ple of various kinds and ask, in disregard of the laws of China, for earlier release of prisoners on the lists," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

In suggesting concrete steps that China could take on human rights. U.S. officials have repeatedly sought the release of about 20 political prisoners who reportedly require urgent medical treatment.

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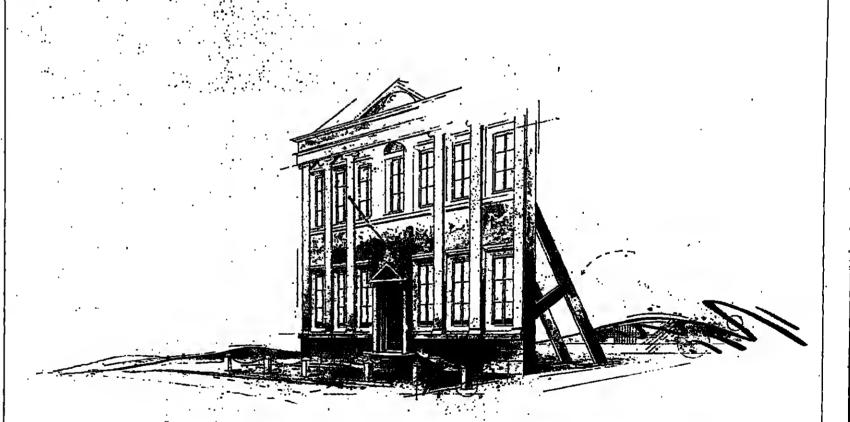
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By Kenneth B. Noble

New York Times Service KINSHASA, Zaire — While

many African countries denied the

existence of an AIDS problem for much of the last decade. Zaire was

different. It had a vigorous preven-

tion campaign, the continent's

best-trained scientists and best-

equipped laboratories outside

South Africa, and a steady flow of

These days, Zaire's lortunes have never seemed bleaker. Recent sur-

veys and anecdetal evidence sug-

gest that the epidemic is accelerat-

ing at a startling rate. Some

hospitals report that close to 80 percent of their patients are infect-

ed with HIV, the virus that causes

Scientists and doctors fear that if

the current trend continues, Zaire's

infection rate may soon exceed

those of Uganda, Rwanda, and

other East African countries hard-

est hit by the virus, sowing death, disease and fear among tens of mil-

The sharp reversal in this central

African country's efforts in fight the epidemic was brought on by

two events: Zaire's descent into

chaos as President Mobutu Sese

Seko, the longtime autocratic ruler,

has clung to power in the face of

popular discontent, and the subse-quent withdrawal of virtually all economic aid by Western donors.

AIDS prevention programs and re-

search have collapsed, and medical

workers lack even the money in test

"Zaire is facing a tremendous tragedy," said Dr. Helene Gayle, AIDS coordinator for the U.S.

Agency for International Develop-

Dr. Engene Nzilambi, director of

a research program known as Project SIDA, for the acronym in

ciency syndrome, said: "I hate to think what will happen if things continue this way. We're back to

where we started a decade ago in

terms of education and preven-

sure is that the worst is yet to

where infection rates soared in the early 1980s. Zaire first reacted by

denying the severity of the epidem-

It was not until 1987 that the first

case of AIDS was officially report-

ed among Zaire's population of about 35 million. Then, govern-

ment officials here quietly made it

known that they were receptive to

foreign scientists and public health

specialists who wanted to study

what many viewed as the epicenter

In 1984, Project SIDA, the conti-

of a worldwide scourge.

He added: "The only thing for

Like many African nations

ment, in Washington.

money from abroad.

Pretoria's Forces Take Charge After A Mutiny in Ciskei

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service
JOHANNESBURG — South Africa took command of another riotous black homeland on Tuesday and closed in on the last and most explosive bastion of resistance, the Zulu homeland ruled by Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Ten days after deposing the ruler of Bophuthatswana, the multiparty authority that presides over the South African transition sent representatives Tuesday night to re-place the president of Ciskei, an apartheid homeland designed for the Xhosa people, following a mutiny by bomeland police and sol-

But attention was already turning to KwaZulu, the stronghold of Chief Buthelezi's election boycott, which was under mounting pressure from inside and out.

Within the homeland, political violence escalated beyond its deadly usual, leaving more than 60 dead ace Friday and hundreds of families in flight. Worse was threatened as the African National Congress exhorted homeland civil servants to rise up against Chiel Buthelezi and announced plans for a series of

From Pretoria, the Transitional Executive Council took the first steps toward limiting Chief Buthelezi's power to prevent him from thwarting free political activity.

Investigators working for the transitional body recommended a cutoff of all weapons to Chief homeland, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, Buthelezi's police, citing evidence howed to pressure from his military

Minister Willy Claes of Belgium.

Continued from Page 1

amount to an unacceptable modification of the

Union's founding treaties. During Tuesday's

meeting be threatened to resign if London pre-

vailed in the dispute, according to Foreign

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany.

which bas been the driving force in the enlarge-

ment negotiations, also saw little chance of a

"Today I no longer say that I am cautiously optimistic," he said.

A German official said privately that the best hope of breaking the deadlock may have to

await the June elections for the European Par-

liament. If British Conservatives are trounced

then, as current polls indicate they will be, it will be hard for Mr. Major to persuade his EU

colleagues that he must go to the wall on the voting issue for domestic political reasons, the

The European Parliament holds the key to

Continued from Page 1 general manager of Britain's Blue Circle Indus-

For miners, Chile "is where other countries

have a chance to be 10 years away," said Doug-las Yearly, chairman and chief executive of

Phelps Dodge. "There's potential in southern

Africa. There's potential in Peru. There's poten-

tial in certain areas of the Far East, from

Thailand southward through Malaysia and In-

donesia. If you go further, if you're a visionary, you can think about Eastern Europe" and the

Ostracized at the height of the Cold War

because of its repressive generals, paramilitary death squads, social conflicts and inhospitality

to foreign investment. Chile has completed an

extraordinary turnaround to democratic capi-

Like scores of other developing countries and

much of Laun America, beginning in the 1950s Chile sought to raise itself from poverty by

sealing off outside economic forces, nationaliz-

ing foreign-owned assets such as mines and

developing its own industries behind walls of

such as enormous state-subsidized employ-

ment, but it failed to generate sustainable eco-nomic growth. Now Chile, after some false

starts, has fully torn down trade barriers, reor-

dered its economy toward global competition

and erected welcome signs for the same foreign

natural resource companies have come rushing

back, despite memories of being summarily

thrown out 25 years ago. At least 30 copper

companies are digging in Chile today. The country accounts for about one-third of the

world's announced copper exploration and de-

velopment projects. Future deals involving for-

eign companies may add as much as 3 million

tons to global copper production by the year 2000, according to mining analysts. That is

more new copper than all of the 1992 output

Because Chile is rich in minerals, Western

multinationals it used to scern.

from Chile, the world leader.

That strategy brought some social benefits,

former Soviet Union, he said.

trade protectionism.

tries PLC, a resource extraction company.

that the homeland force had organized hit squads to kill members of the rival African National Con-

The multiparty panel that is overseeing the government until the April 26-28 elections is debating a number of more stringent moves against Chief Buthelezi, including absorbing his homeland police force inm the South African police and sending army units to protect the election campaign.

Partisans on both sides said KwaZulu appeared to be spinning slowly into the same polincal whirlpool that demolished the homeland of Bophuthatswana less than two

Bophuthatswana, the homeland designated for the Tswanas, refused to take part in the elections, but was brought down by civil servant strikes, student riots, and the turnabout of the homeland soldiers and police.

But while Bophuthatswana's leaders had little popular support, in KwaZulu the defiance is fired by devotion in the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelithini. Zulu nationalists, moreover, are armed to the teeth and seasoned by nearly a decade of lactional warfare.

The 10 bomelands created under apartheid as reservations for blacks are to be abolished by the new constitution that takes effect April 27. All but KwaZulu have agreed to

Ciskei held out until January,

ning in September.

the enlargement timetable because it must rati-

the membership accords of the four candi-

date countries. If Parliament does not give its

assent before breaking for the elections in early

May, it will have to start all over again begin-

There was little sympathy for Mr. Major's

position in the Parliament, where most mem-

bers have vowed in reject the enlargement pacts

Britain wins its way on voting rights.
"The British will be to blame if the enlarge-

The addition of the four new states will raise

the total number of votes in the Council of

Ministers, the EU body that passes legislation, to 90 from 76. Ten EU states believe that the

minority needed to block legislation should be

raised to 27 votes - three large states or two

large ones and two or three small ones - to

ensure that enlargement does not weaken the

fronted Western mineral explorationists with

Mining trade journals brim these days with

glossy color supplements from such Third

World countries as Niger and Burkina Faso

whose governments have lately shed xenopho-

hic policies and started hawking maps of uo-

Kazakhstan reportedly is preparing a list of more than 3,200 mineral deposits that it intends

to offer to foreign investors over the next few

Newmont Mining Corp. of Denver recently leased 6,493 square kilometers (2,507 square

miles) of Laotian jungle to dig for gold and

announced a \$90 million investment in an exist-

ing Uzbek mine. The Colorado-based Cyprus

Minerals Co. has pledged to develop a \$100

Vietnam is negotiating agreements with a consortium of Australian mineral extraction

companies not only for exploration but also for

A big risk for the mining pioneers is global

oversupply. With so many countries in the developing and formerly Communist worlds seeking in stimulate trade-driven free market

programs by digging up their buried wealth all

at the same time, the potential for a sustained

glut of metals and other commodities is daunt-

Yearly of Phelps Dodge, which is committing \$550 million, with Sumitomo Corp., to its Chil-

ean project. "My judgment is that's probably

not going to happen. But my judgment is de-pendent on a robust world economy in the next

Copper, the most important metal for Chile

and Phelps Dodge, has avoided an acute crisis

so far, though prices lately have sunk under

pressures from oversupply. But in other metal

That's the \$64,000 question," said Mr.

million Siberian gold property.

land management systems.

couple of years."

"This is not a banal quarrel about figures, but

hloc's ability to make decisions.

an embarrassment of riches.

charted prospects.

ment fails," said Jean-Pierre Cot, the French

leader of the Socialist bloc in Parliament



A youth demonstrating Tuesday for voting rights for prisoners. He was outside the Transitional Executive Council offices in Pretoria.

In one of the more bizarre moments of the South African transformation, Ciskei police who had ruthlessly enforced the brigadier's ban on political opposition on Tuesday shouted, "Viva ANC."

One policeman called on his

The South African Foreign Ministry said that South African troops

and the police had moved in in Ciskei after it asked for help from Pretoria, news agencies reported Tuesday from Johannesburg A Foreign Ministry statement said that the bomeland leader, Brigadier Goozo, had "telephoned

to say the situation was out of hand

and there was danger of large-scale

conflict and bloodshed." In another development related to the homelands, President Frederik W. de Klerk warned Tuesday that his government would take "very firm steps" if violence prevented campaigning and free vot-ing m KwaZuln.

(Remers, AP, AFP)

Yeltsin Is 'Even Busier' On Vacation, Aide Says

AIDS Tragedy Catches Up With Zaire

named after Mobutu's mother.

It is not entirely clear why

Zaire's leaders, who have often dis-

played a suspicion of Western sci-

entists, journalists, and even teach-

ers, allowed the Centers for Disease

Control in Atlanta and the Nation-

al Institutes of Health, Project SI-

DA's main sponsors, in carry out

intense and painstaking research

Some say it was because many in

on tens of thousands of Zairians.

Zaire's social and political elite

were themselves falling victim in

the disease, at rates conspicuously

and thus had a personal stake in encouraging research.

sproportionate to their oumbers,

"Rich people here suffer more

for 22 years and now beads a con- adults.

from the disease than poor people

do, because when the first oppor-

dom distribution program. "How-ever, someone with some money is

goes on, and on and on."

American who has lived in Zaire rates of about 30 percent among

ever, someone with some money is research, prevention campaigns, able to go to the hospital, and it and grass-roots social service orga-

MOSCOW - Boris N. Yeltsin is hard at work and even busier than before he left for a seaside vacation last week, a senior aide said Tuesday in the latest Kremlin attempt to portray the president as vigorous and in control.

Sergei A. Filatov, Mr. Yeltsin's chief of staff, said that Mr. Yeltsin had signed 81 decrees and presidential directives since arriving in the Black Sea resort of Sochi on March 14, the Itar-Tass press agency

These days were even busier and more effective for the work of the bead of state than the days immediately before the vacation," the agency quoted Mr. Filatov as saying.

Mr. Yeltsin's absence from Moscow and renewed attacks by his political enemies have lucled rumors about a possible coup by senior government officials. The president's aides have denounced the rumors and issued statements that Mr. Yeltsin, 63, is in good health.

Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin described speculation about Mr. Yeltsin's health as insulting, Itar-Tass reported.

Mr. Chernomyrdin made the remarks after meeting in Sochi with Mr. Yeltsin on Tuesday to discuss economic and political problems. "Somebody must be interested in destabilizing the situation," the agency quoted Mr. Chernomyrdin as saying.

Mr. Filatov accused the leaders of an abortive October revolt, who were recently released from prison, of trying to "create a new confrontation against the president."

The Russian prosecutor-general's office opened an investigation Monday into a newspaper report that senior government officials had considered overthrowing Mr. Yeltsin State television showed footage Mooday night of Mr. Yeltsin,

sitting in a lawn chair and talking energetically to Mr. Chernomyr-

Mr. Yeltsin is scheduled to return to Moscow later this week,

Political Chaos Wrecks a Once-Successful Prevention Effort tember 1991, after disgruntled sol-The initial results from Project nent's largest AIDS research program, was started in Kinshasa at Mama Yemo Hospital, which is

The initial results SIDA were striking. Its studies played diers seeking back pay went on a rampage, pillaging bomes and shops and setting off violence that left dozens dead. Its studies played a key role in proving that HIV could be spread through heterosexual intercourse.

enhanced Zaire's reputation among

scientists as a place likely to yield

vital clues for fighting the disease.

and most widespread education

Zaire's population, but though Kinshasa had been hit hard by

AIDS, by the late 1980s the rate of

infection appeared to have stabi-

But Zaire's emerging network of

nizations began to unravel in Sep-

lized at 7 or 8 percent of adults.

campaigns on the continent.

Since then, Zaire's economic colthe main mode of transmission in lapse has accelerated as many of Africa. These and other projects the foreigners who held vital tech-

nical and managerial positions

have fled. As evidence grew about how AIDS spreads, the research pro-One result was the abrupt closing of Project SIDA. After the Septemects had another salutary effect: In ber 1991 rioting, the project's nine a country where talk about AIDS had been taboo, local officials were foreign scientists — six Americans, two Belgians, and a Frenchman prodded to start one of the frankest were evacuated. A local staff of about 200 doctors, nurses, and technicians was left to guard No one knows precisely what effect the research here had on against looters, but research effec-

tively ended.
"We are completely bankrupt; there's no money at all, said Dr. Nzilambi, a Zairian educated at the Johns Hopkins School of Medi-cine, in Baltimore, who now heads tune sickness hits poor people, a chest cold or whatever, then they die because they cannot afford the treatment, said John Loftin, an Kigali, Rwanda, showed infection the project. And while the govern-ment does provide some money to keep the operation from shutting its doors entirely, it is meager even by local standards, he said. For example, he cited his own government salary, which now amounts to about \$5 a month.

From a public health perspective, doctors and public health specialists say, many Zairians have become dangerously indifferent to the dangers posed by AIDS and complacent about taking steps to avoid infection.

In particular, many Zairians, out of ignorance or denial, continue to have unprotected sex with multiple partners. The number of garishly dressed young prostitutes along Boulevard June 30, the city's main thoroughfare, has visibly risen in the last six months, reflecting a growing number of customers.

Thatcher Recovers in Chile The Associated Press

SANTIAGO - Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain said she was "feeling much better" Tuesday after fainting a day earlier while delivering a speech. Mrs. Thatcher said she planned to go ahead with most of her planned activities, including a visit to a local English school and dinner with a former president. General Angusto Pinochet.

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and agreed to abide by the election Request for Help Cited

But the homeland police did not trust him. They worried that he might siphon off their pension funds before the elections, and demanded the money be paid to them. When be balked, they mutinied, taking at least 15 senior offi-

brethren to stand in respect for "all the unnecessary lives" they had taken, according to the South Afri-

EUROPE: Full-Blown Voting Crisis Looks Likely to Stall EU Expansion French for acquired immune defi one in which the philosophy of European con-struction itself is at stake," Mr. Juppe said. Britain is demanding that the blocking minority be kept at the current 23 votes, or two

large states and one small one.
"We only just managed, several of us, to ratify the Maastricht treaty," Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd said, adding that many people in Britain regarded that treaty "as a centralizing move too far," Any change in voting rights will have to await a 1996 intergovernmental conference that is designed to review all aspects of how the Union functions, he said.

At the ministers' meeting on Tuesday, Britain rejected a Greek proposal to postpone decisions on issues where there were 23 votes opposed, EU officials said most countries were willing to offer a political commitment to seek a compromise solution in such cases, but would not give in to Britain's demand for a legally binding commitment not to proceed with legislation against the wishes of two large states and one small one.

MUNES: In Tundra, Jungle and Desert, Rich Lodes Are Being Reopened

Within Chile and without, the global change Union, China and other previous Communist

Despite fears of oversupply among commodity producers, investment in newly available mine prospects in countries such as Chile shows oo sign of let-up. Many resource companies see the Cold War's end as offering once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to those willing to be bold.

Phelps Dodge, for instance, estimated the costs of its La Candelaria project in Chile on an assumed copper price of 85 cents a pound but did oot turn back even as copper prices fell well below that mark. The mine represents the higgest venture outside North America in the company's history.

Western resource investors are welcomed openly in today's Chile, but the government continues to own and operate the grant copper company that grew out of the 1970s nationalization: Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile, better known as Codelco, the largest copper producer in the world.

Codelco's open-pit mine at Chuquicamata an awesome, verigo-inducing expanse more than 3 kilometers long, 2.5 kilometers wide and a 800 meters deep — is the world's largest excavated bole. That mine alone generates a sixth of Chile's nanonal budget. The El Ten-iente mine in Rancagua, 115 kilometers south of Sannago, is the world's largest underground copper mine.

Despite occasional suggestions that Codelco be privatized, particularly by conservative candidates in Chile's most recent elections, few believe this is in the cards.

Chileans argue that this mixed approach letting foreigners pay for extraction rights and operate mines while the Chilean government keeps Codelco as well as minority ownership in foreign-operated mines — makes sense.

"If there is a more profitable business than investing \$40 million and getting \$400 million for it, we'd like to hear about it," said Sergio Jarpa-Gibert, Codelco's manager of developmarkets, a surfeit is already arriving, caused mainly by a flood of exports from rapidly ment at Chuquicamata, referring reforming economies of the former Soviet ises in recent joint-venture deals. ment at Chuquicamata, referring to the prom-

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STAR: Removal of BBC From Murdoch's China Menu Signals Rethinking

have sought to control the distribution of satel-

lite channels," said Peter Vesey, vice president of CNN International in Atlanta. Increasingly, international broadcasters — driven as much by commercial logic as much as political sensitivity — are trying to tailor their services to individual markets.

The move by News Corp., one of the world's most potent media forces, was a tacit acknow-ledgement that the ideal of a pan-Asian net-work hadly needs retooling. Mr. Murdoch and News Corp. will now take a country-by-country approach both in terms of programming and politics. The BBC is planning more customized broadcasts, translating its service into a number

"It is not a retreat. It is a change of emphasis," said Bob Phillis, BBC deputy director general and chairman of World Service Televi-

"The days are gone when you can broadcast into markets without local partners and local content," said an executive at a rival international Western broadcaster, who asked not to

STAR TV's chief executive, Gary Davey, at licensing,

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an industry conference in Hong Kong, said the move to axe the BBC was a "purely commercial" decision based on a lack of capacity on the satellite it uses to beam its five-channel format into 38 countries across Asia "We've never received a formal complaint,"

he said, denying the suggestion that his network bad acquiesced in pressure from Beijing.

"We remain convinced the pan-Asian concept is correct," said Mr. Davey, who recently came over from Mr. Murdoch's British Sky Broadcasting Ltd., which he led into profitability. "But we think it needs refinement. We are going to pay greater attention to local needs, tastes and sensitivities."

News Corp., which purchased control of the STAR TV for \$525 million in July from the Hong Kong conglomerate Hutchison Wham-poa Ltd. and the family of its chairman, Li Kashing, has publishing, entertainment and

broadcasting properties on four continents.

Citing concerns about an uncontrolled invasion of Western values, several countries in Asia have moved to restrict foreign program-ming to distribution on land-based cable net-

works that can be more easily controlled by

China, where STAR TV believes it bas 30 million viewers, has recently curbed the sale and ownership of increasingly popular satellite television dishes.

The trend towards tighter control over STAR TV and other satellite broadcasters in Asia has belped protect local advertising revenues and domestic broadcasters whose programs were losing viewers to imported, racier entertain-

The arrangement under which the BBC will continue to broadcast over STAR TV to the Indian subcontinent is "a good compromise for the BBC," said one television executive, who noted that the BBC had long pinned the bulk of its hopes on serving the huge Indian market. There its access is now guaranteed until March 1996, by which time other satellites will be available in case STAR TV should then decide to cut the cord in the BBC altogether.

Mr. Irwin, the World Service Television chief, said the BBC was "actually quite

"We have now secured our position on the southern beam," he said.

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Facing Up to North Korea

Try Limited Sanctions

North Korea can still avoid a confrontation with the international community by keeping the promise it made earlier this month and allowing inspectors back into its nuclear sites to complete their work. Otherwise it may soon face economic sanctions for its noncompliance

with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Pyongyang's obstinacy may leave President Bill Chinton no choice hut to press for limited economic sanctions through the United Nations. But in doing so be needs to hold open the door to dialogue, which is the only way out of his, and North Korea's, nuclear predicament. Mr. Clinton should be in no hurry to heed

the advice of congressional hawks, who see economic strangulation and military posturing as the only way to bring North Korea around. If be pushes too sooo for overly oght sanctions, be may end up confronting his Asian allies instead of North Korea. And if he does not carefully calibrate his military moves, be may stumble into war.

The International Atomic Energy Agency sent the right message oo Monday. It told North Korea to let its inspectors do their job. And it informed the United Nations Security Council that Pyongyang had failed to live up to treaty obligations, triggering consideration of unspecified economic sanctions. Even China, which has counseled patience, abstained

 a sign of the North's deepening isolation. Hawks see tight sanctions as a way of causing North Korea's economic collapse. But America's allies, South Korea and Japan, have reason to fear the consequences of col-

A Test for the World

North Korea, deliberately or not, has set up a test of the world's determination to enforce the rules on nuclear weapons. The North Koreans have signed a treaty pledging not to build them, but since then they have been harassing and impeding the inspectors who visit the country to see that they are keeping their promise. The latest inspection team pulled out last week, its work unfinished, just as the CIA confirmed the reports that North Korea is working on a missile capable of carrying a warhead a couple of thousand miles.

While the United States is right to proceed with great caution in dealing with North Korea, it is also right to keep pressing steadily ahead. It cannot afford to let this menacing standoff continue indefinitely. However it ends, this case will set a highly influential precedent for arms control everywhere. While they have not been entirely successful, attempts to hold down the spread of ouclear weapons have been much more effective and have resulted in far fewer governments possessing such weapons - than seemed even remotely possible a generation ago. The diplomacy of dissuasion and prevention is well worth the effort it requires.

As a signal to North Korea, President Bill

lapse: having to cope with a flood of refugees and, for a rapidly developing South, having to support an economic basket case in the North. They also fear that an embittered Kim Il Sung

could order his million-man army south.

Given these fears, the allies are likely to stop short of voting for truly tight sanctions that could strangle the North by cutting off its supply of oil. And China, even if it does not veto sanctions, might hesitate to carry them
out. That is why any effort to impose tight
sanctions immediately may prove fruitless.
Unfortunately, a limited embargo may

have little more than symbolic impact on an already autarkic North. That is a chance the United Nations should take while gradually increasing pressure on North Korea. But no matter how tight the sanctions, they will leave the North free to produce plutonium for bomb-making. That will infuriate hawks, who already are rashly calling for military action.

Limited military moves make sense. South Korea has now accepted deployment of Patriot anti-missile batteries, which afford air bases and ports some protection against North Korean missile attacks. But South Korea and the United States have no need to rush ahead with joint military exercises. And more aggressive military moves will be mostly hluff. There is no attack that could surgically excise the North's nuclear program without risking all-out war oo the Korean Peninsula. Indeed, no one knows how to target bombs that cannot be found. But Mr. Clinton, not the hawks, will be held responsible if their glih advice misfires.

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Clinton will now send Patriot missiles to South Korea. North Korea has responded with its usual vehemence, but the Patriots are a good choice. They are wholly defensive,

capable only of destroying other missiles.

At the same time, the International Atomic Energy Agency is notifying the United Nations Security Council that it was unable to complete the mandatory inspections of North Korea's nuclear facilities. The Security Council will presumably respond with a resolution warning the North Koreans that they face sanctions if they persist. China, whose attitude so far has been a study in ambiguity, will have to decide whether it is prepared to support enforcement.

Time is rapidly eroding the foundations of North Korea's Stalinist state, and perhaps a sense of that reality is the reason for the wild and desperate tone of its responses to diplomatic pressure. For the diplomats, the job is to see this dying state through its final months and perhaps years without disaster. One possible disaster would be war with South Korea, and the North Koreans were loudly threatening it over the weekend. But a failure to enforce the world's nuclear agreements would also be a disaster - one threatening, a little further in the future, the possibility of another kind of war with far more terrible weapons.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Shaping a U.S. Crime Bill

proved on the Senate crime bill. On some issues full House membership, when the bill reaches the floor, or later to a Senate-House conference, to make it better or keep it from getting worse. Both bills have a valuable core: \$22 billion to put more police into communities, cope with bulging prisons and provide some support for prison drug treatment and other preventive programs. But the Senate, with no guidance from the White House or Justice Department, overdosed on floor amendments, including the popular "three strikes, you're out" life sentencing for third-felony offenders.

The committee's "three strikes" rightly requires that at least two of the three crimes be violent. The committee also adopted an amcodment by Representative Jerrold Nadler, a Democrat of New York, to allow release of nondangerous 70-year-old threetime losers who have served 30 years of their life sentences. However modest, that is a practical advance, and the Clinton administration should be ashamed for opposing it. Even California's legislature, reacting to anti-crime fervor, has passed a three-strikes law with a sentencing range of 25 years to life.

Another Senate excess was to require states seeking federal money for their prison systems to mandate that inmates serve 85 percent of their prison terms. That subversion of state sovereignty would force states to overflow their prisons as a condition for huilding new ones. The House committee has wisely untied the strings attached to the \$3

The House Judiciary Committee has im- billion for prison construction and operation An even more bizarre inversion of federalthe committee has fumbled, leaving it up to the ism was the Senate's decision to give federal courts the power to try thousands of local gun crimes. The House committee's version: appropriately, none. Similarly, where a bysterical Senate would require 13-year-olds to be tried as adults for gun crimes, the House committee at least has the sanity to make the adult transfers discretionary.

Unfortunately, like the Senate, the House committee would restore a dozen once-outlawed death penalties to the federal criminal code and add three dozen more. These unnecessary, demagogie penalties are irrelevant to a balanced crime bill and should be scrapped. At least the committee offers a fairer system for appeals from death row, and calls on states to provide adequate counsel and safeguards against racial prejudice in capital cases.

In two important ways the House committee's work is inferior to the Senate's. The Judiciary Committee chairman, Jack Brooks, carved the Senate-passed ban on assault weapons out of the House bill. He also yanked a smart Police Corps initiative providing higher education for cadets in return for police service. Both proposals require vigorous Seaate-House conference work to restore them. Last fall, the Senate piled dozens of tough-

looking amendments onto its crime bill. You can expect the House to attempt the same. But hope that intelligent representatives will resist demagoguery and at least hold fast to the Judiciary Committee's improvements.

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Other Comment

Japan Is Watching the Chinese

How China's affairs develop is of serious concern to the Japanese. Now that China is Japan's second-largest trading partner and Japan is China's largest, Japan will be serious-ly affected if China falls into confusion. Nor is it desirable for the des between the United States and China to be strained. China's insistence that the right to existence and development is the foundation of human rights is not

beyond comprehension. The American manner of twisting Chinese arms to extract con-cessions by using democratization and human rights problems as leverage is also a little too impetuous. However, respect of human rights is a universal value in any country. It is only natural that as the economy advances, the people's political demands grow louder. If China seeks long-term stability, it must honor democratization and human rights.

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The Important Message I Carried to China

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton W has placed America's economic strength at the heart of U.S. nadonal security strategy in the post-Cold War world. The administration's foreign policy, like the country, stands for open societies as well as open markets. We are convinced that the two are inseparably linked.

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This balance shapes our approach toward China. As the president has said, U.S. policy recognizes "the value of China and the values of America." This approach also guided my recent trip to Beijing in advance of the early June deadline for the president's decision on renewing most-favored-nation trade status.

My improve was to inform China's leaders of

My purpose was to inform China's leaders of the urgent need to make further progress on human rights, and to reaffirm America's intention to engage China constructively on issues where our interests coincide.

The United States seeks a broad, positive rela-tionship with a strong, secure and prosperous China. We pursue many important common goals together. We share a powerful interest in a stable and secure Asia. Both nations have a strong interest in ensuring a non-nuclear Korean Peninsula, and we have been cooperating to achieve that objective. With drug trafficing, alien samegling, environmental degradation and other global issues, our agenda is growing.

Our economic interests are also converging.
China's explosive growth is increasingly attractive to American exporters and investors. China has an even more significant stake in open access to the American market. We account for almost 40 percent of China's exports.

But we must not assume that a free market in goods can produce or protect a free market in By Warren Christopher The writer is U.S. secretary of state.

ideas. Nor can we abandon our responsibility to support human rights around the world. The character of our relationship with China depends significantly on how the Chinese government treats its people. The American people would

have it no other way.

Last May, President Clinton forged the first consensus — a consensus of conscience — on American policy toward China since the horrors of Tiananmen Square. The core of U.S. policy, the president said, would be "a resolute insistence" on significant progress on human rights if MFN for China was to be renewed. The executive order that the president issued won broad support from business leaders and human rights advocates alike. This approach avoided more rigid legislation.

Our specific conditions for renewing MFN are reasonable. We are not asking China to apply American prescriptions, only to adhere to universal standards of human rights.

America's intention is oot to isolate China but to integrate it more fully into the global communi-ty and the global economy. Since September, the administration has pursued a strategy of intensive diplomatic engagement with China to advance a range of security, political and economie goals. We have given the Chinese the incentive and the latitude to demonstrate progress on human rights.

The suggestion that the Chinese discouraged my visit is a canard. Foreign Minister Qian Qichen

has been encouraging me to visit for months.

Some say I should have canceled my trip, particularly in the face of the Chinese government's

deplorable efforts to silence its citizens. That would have been a grave error. I went to Beijing to make sure that the government does not misunderstand America's position and does not underestimate the strong support that U.S. policy commands from Congress and the American people. I believe that this message now has been clearly received by China's leaders. I believe that they now realize that complacency is not an option.

In the course of very tough exchanges, we made progress on the two issues specified in the executive order. We signed a joint declaration to end exports to the United States of goods produced by prison labor. We received concrete assurances on inspections of all suspected Chinese facilities, within strict time limits. And China promised to resolve the few outstanding emigration cases.

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China agreed for the first time to review interference with Voice of America signals. It agreed to begin talks with Red Cross experts to arrange visits to prisoners of conscience. It supplied information on 235 prisoners we had identified, and for the first time promised to provide information on the status of 106 imprisoned Tibetans.

I told China's leaders that these steps represent that these steps represent that these steps represent that these steps represent the control of th

sented improvement, but more is needed. Particular progress is required with respect to the release of prisoners and the situation in Tibet. Anyone who has worked to advance human rights knows that it is tough, slogging work and the progress usually comes in incremental stages. I will not invent or inflate that progress.

We will be seeking and evaluating further progress as we move toward decisions on renewing MFN. That goal is attainable if Beijing truly wants a more constructive relationship.

The Washington Post.

A Strong and Calm Line On Two Hot Asian Issues

By A. M. Rosenthal

On two of the most important issues in the world the United States is acting with coolness and courage. One is the issue wrapped up in the dispute with North Korea: nuclear proliferation, the creation of

nuclear military power in nations given to blackmail or terrorism. The other is the essence of the quarrel with Beijing, Should West-ern capital and purchasing power be used only to strengthen a Communist government built on police power, or can they also be used to essen Communist repression?

Americans are healthily conscious of their faults, and those of their sovernment. But when they become so immersed in national doubt and self-criticism that they seem unaware of the bonorable handling of two critical problems, then hangdog becomes a way of life.

On China, the Clinton foreign policy team is trying to persuade Beijing to give the Chinese and the captive Tibetans minimal human rights. That would not much change the basis of Communist rule: repression. But it would help Chinese and Tibetans come And it would allow Presions ans some. And it would allow President Bill Clinton to extend low-tariff privileges when the decision mandat-

N EW YORK — Step back one clear minute and we discover this about Clinton foreign policy:
On two of the most important issues

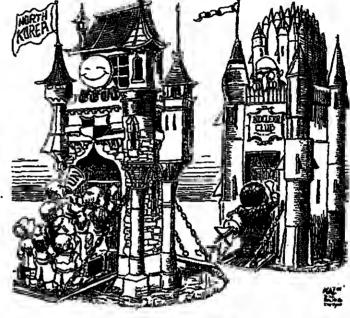
of State Warren Christopher goes to Beijing to tell the Communists they are not doing enough to justify a presidential decision to maintain low tariffs. The Chinese are nasty to him and America before he opens his mouth, and after. Back home, the Washington knives come out - not for Beijing but for Mr. Christopher, for doing his job.

Outside government, a massive campaign against linking tariff priv-ileges to a bit of human rights progress is being carried out by Ameri-cans in the China trade.

Right now business with China means America buys, China sells, creating a \$20 billion U.S. deficit. One bears about jobs created by exports to China but oot losses to American labor and businesses from imported goods made by dollar-a-day Chinese workers.

The government in Beijing and the Communist Party own much of Chinese industry. They keep wages low so that more money goes to the controlling partners — the army, the police, the Politburo ruling clans - courtesy of the American consumer and worker.

About North Kores, the Chaton team did two things that its predecessor did oot accomplish: first, face the danger of Pyoogyang's ouclear empowerment; second, do something. The administration



This is too dicey an issue for that. When North Korea tore up its nuclear treaty commitments, by refusing to allow full inspection, Washington first tried to coax the North into compliance. It offered economic and political goodies. Maybe Washington was too gen-

tle: I do not see it that way. For any political, military or economic action, Mr. Clinton needed the support of South Korea and Japan. Anybody who does not sympathize with Japa-oese or Sooth Korean tensions should go sit in a rice field and practice waiting for an incoming missile.
Wisely, Washington left the war
talk to the North Koreans. Now that Sour frony Department: Secretary acted without bravado or hot talk the United States has moved to the

United Nations to increase pressure on Pyongyang, the North Koreans get shall is this a bluff or are they so puffed up with themselves that again they will start a Korean war? From Washington the world has learned that the danger of proliferation is real and upon us, and that the decision for sanctions, war or compliance with treaty is in the hands of the North Korean dictatorship. On China and North Korea, from

the administration so far has come neither enticement, entrapment, bysteria nor surrender, but a decent respect for onclear safety and democratic idealism, at a time when both are being tested.

America Needs to Awake to a Newly Emerging India

N EW DELHI — U.S. relations with India should be on an up-swing, based on the stated objectives of the Clinton administration. The government of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimba Rao continues to bberalize the economy. The private sector is respooding with enthusiasm, the American business community is starting to make substantial investments and the U.S. Commerce De-

partment has designated India as one of the top emerging markets. Yet ties between Washington and

New Delhi are far from what they could be. On the U.S. side, there has been inattention to detail and insensitivity to change in the country. President Bill Clinton is expected to name Frank Wisner, the undersecretary of defense, as the next ambassador to India, but the post has been vacant for about a year. The delay has sent the wrong signals to India. Washington has not given any real attention to the improvements India

HENNESSEY, Oklahoma — This rural town of 1,800 peo-

ple is now home to the largest hog-breeding company in the world, the British-owned Pig Improvement Co.

For urbanites who think that hogs smell like frying bacon and associate pigs with Wilbur in "Charlotte's Web," here's some

news: Pork is political, and pigs are an environmental hazard.

pered from expanding at home by

tough pollution laws, are taking ad-vantage of America's less stringent

standards. And the General Agree-

ment on Tariffs and Trade will dra-

matically increase the amount of

pork the United States can export to

Europe: 624,000 metric tons in 1999.

up from less than 100,000 tons in 1991. This will make the United

States the center of global pork production, and companies are rushing

to raise hogs in new places. One Danish company even plans to raise 600,000 hogs in Alaska.

The problem with huge hog farms

is the manure they produce. The Environmental Protection Agency

rates animal wastes among the na-tion's top 10 sources of politicion.

Leon Chesnin, a retired Universi-

ty of Nebraska waste-management

specialist, estimates that the waste

generated by 10,000 pigs equals that produced by a city of 17,000 people.

Many European companies, ham-

By William Clark Jr. has made to its economy. Indeed, the

recent resurrection by the Clinton administration of the Super 301 law, which empowers the United States to punish countries deemed to engage in unfair trading, left many Indians wondering whether their economy would be placed in the firing line again. Military relations between the United States and India are going

well, but there is room for improvement. New Delhi's desire for certain military hardware gets little attention in Washington, which is preoccupied with resolving an arms embargo against Pakistan. The recent leak that the Clinton administration hopes to lift the arms veto if Pakistan caps its nuclear program at the current level will oot improve relations between India and the United States

On the political front, America seems all thumbs and India all raw

Try Sniffing Around in Hog Heaven

If Pig Improvement Co. hrings 100,000 hogs to Hennessey, as it

plans, the result will be the sewage

equivalent of 170,000 people.

These operations are not family

farms," says Barbara Grabner of

Prairie Fire Rural Action, a support

group for family farms. "They are

large corporate ventures that at-tempt to influence state legislatures

tn eliminate corporate farming, en-vironmental and zoning laws."

and urine into small pends lined with plastic sheeting, called lagoous, and the wastes are later used as fer-

tilizer. In practice, this system allows nitrates to leach into the water table

and enter the drinking supply. Ni-trate contamination can result in cir-

culation problems, and in extreme

cases has caused a condition called

blue baby syndrome that can be fa-

tal to infants. Pig waste also gives off

airborne ammonia, which can cause

respiratory ailments.

How bad can the contamination

get? Boh Bergland, agriculture secre-tary under Jimmy Carter, said this

month that the superconcentrated pig industry in North Carolina was

in danger of "collapse" because in

some counties the "ground is satu-

rated with hog manure."

Because of the oil industry's de-

cline, Oklahoma has been aggres-

sive in courting bog raisers, allo-

Corporate hog farms collect feces

By Jean Anne Casey and Colleen Hobbs

brage at an ill-timed restatement of longtime U.S. policy: that Washington considers Jammu and Kashmir, part of which Pakistan claims, to be disputed territory.

Next, Mr. Chinton sent letters to members of Congress that appeared to support insurgency movements in India. Then, when Pakistan's incoming ambassador spoke about Kashmr while presenting her credentials to the U.S. president, he responded that the United States shared Pakistan's concerns over buman rights in Kashmir. This is the same Pakistan that less than a year ago was in dan-ger of being listed by Washington as a state supporting terrorism, because of its actions in Kashmir.

New Delhi was furious. The Indian parliament passed a resolution claiming all of Jammu and Kashmir for India, including the part that Paki-stan has held since the first India-

cating \$8 million to advertise that

the state is livestock friendly. In the name of this lucrative friendli-

ness, Oklahoma is willing to com-promise its rural residents' quality

of life and health.

The huge livestock companies say that they are just honest farmers

and that standard Environmental Protection Agency regulations keep them from making much of a profit. Don't believe it. These are nothing

less than factories, and their prolif-eration is an indication of their

profitability. Like any other manu-facturing industry, state and federal regulators should institute and en-

force strict controls on emissions.

Pig Improvement Co. has intro-

duced the micropolitics of pork to

Hennessey, polarizing the town. Some defend it as an economic sav-

ior; others protest that pollution will

The conflict between economics

and quality of life is the 1990s ver-

sinn of a range war, where nitrate

tests and sewage studies have re-

placed wire-cutters and six-shoot-

ers. So if you plan to visit the

world's largest hog-breeding opera-tion, follow the advice they gave in the Old West; keep your head down, and be sure to drink up-

Ms. Casey is a farmer; Ms. Hobbs

is a writer. They contributed this comment to The New York Times.

stream from the herd.

make their homes unlivable.

Pakistau war. Thus, the solution to the problem has become more difficult and the U.S. role in the peace process less clear.

administration to give higher priority to improving relations with India.

time investing in India.

America's focus on India's eco-

India signed up for trade liberaliza-tion under the recently concluded Uruguay Round. It should be assured by Washington that it will not be on the new Super 301 list. Commerce Secretary Royald Bruss, could give Secretary Ronald Brown could give such an assurance on his planned visit to India. It would be a sign that Washington wants to put relations with New Delhi on a fresh footing.

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America has strong strategic and economic interests in South Asia. It is therefore important for the Clinton

India's economy is starting to take off. Indians who left their homeland because prospects were better abroad are coming back. Wealthy expatriate Indians are for the first

nomic future should not come at the expense of U.S. interest in the buman rights situation in Kashmir or in weapons proliferation in South Asia. Washington should continue to make strong presentations over such issues; they have had an effect. But U.S. interests should not become entangled in the long-standing feud between India and Pakistan.

The Lecture Is Ringing A Bit Hollow

By Gregory Clark

TOKYO - Pick np any internationally mioded newspaper nowadays and the news is depressingly similar — nationalism in the former Soviet Union, arguments over human rights in China, war in the Balkans, collapse in Africa, chaos io Afghaoistan, crime in

Nor are the wise words coming out of the West much help. The collapse of communism was sup-posed to be "the end of history." in fact it was quite clearly the beginning of a very different and much

more complicated history. The end-of-history theory assumed that Western liberal democracy was an ideal to which the rest of humankind would eventually aspire. It was a Carried Control

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fanciful idea from the start. Democracy needs a strong sense of social contract — something that so-cieties only have fleetingly at a very particular stage of their history. It could exist, consciously, in the small city-states of ancient Greece. It could exist, instinctively, in Britain and to some extent elsewhere in Western Europe and Japan as a by-product of the earlier village-based feudalism.

Most societies oeed something much stronger and less equivocal to hold themselves together. A strong ideological ethic combined with a form of guided democracy is a model which has done quite well in East and But as often as not the ideology.

South Asia, Singapore especially. rather than the guided democracy, will come to dominate. Which is why the collapse of communism has

raused such chaos.

For all its faults, the Communist ideology in its more idealistic forms did at least impose some sense of order and morality on its adherents. True, to the extent that it also endorsed totalitarianism and allowed corruption, it deserved to collapse. But what we can easily get in its

place are moves to the even less desirable ideologies of crude nationalism, fascism and religious fanaticism. In Iran, for example, the government manages to maintain order and morality, but only through the threat of draconian punishments. A Soviet Union which had been

allowed slowly to liberalize under a Nikita Khrushchev, just as China has liberalized under Deng Xiaoping, would bave been much preferable to what we have today under Boris Yeltsin in Russia.

The West should be much more careful about telling other societies how to organize themselves. We Westerners are heavily responsible for the chaos in Zaire, Angola and Mozambique, for example. We bear much of the blame for Afghanistan, and the subsequent export of fuoda-

mentalist violence from there. We said almost oothing about death squads in Latin America, but we lecture Beijing for putting people in prison. China's totalitarianism is far from ideal; but would we prefer it if Beijing turned to violent nationalism or fanatical communism in or-

der to justify its rule? If Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore tells us that Western-style democracy is oot going to make it in much of Asia, including Hong Kong, and points to the failure in the Philippines as proof, we should not shrug it all off as the ramblings of an old man. It is pure arrogance for us to assume that our insistence on the rights of the individual is automatically superior to the East Asian ethic that says rights have to be balanced

against responsibilities. Singapore happens to be one of the models we can no longer ignore.

No one can pretend it is an ideal democracy. It is bossy and, like Beiring, it marginalizes dissidents. But its Confucian ethic provides a rationale for proper behavior. That, plus an efficient bureaucracy, allows it to be much better organized than many of our Western societies.

In the past, when our instinctive sense of social contract was operating, we in the West could trust our politicians to behave with some integrity and our citizens to relate to one another with honesty and responsibility. We could leave our doors unlocked and our children could walk the streets unharmed.

Now, as all this disappears, we are trying to lecture nther people on how to organize themselves, using a model that no longer has validity even for ourselves.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Tariff Bill Row

PARIS — The Democratic members of [the U.S.] Congress are evidently not satisfied with the disturbance which the delay over the Wilson Tar-iff Bill has already created through-out the country. Senator Morgan, a Democrat, says that he will move an amendment to refer the whole matter to a commission. This will undo all that has been accomplished as that has been accomplished so far and leave husiness men hopelessly at sea for probably a whole year. Alto-gether the outlook is that the present strained relations will culminate in a general Democratie row, inducing heavy Republican victories at the auturnn elections through disgust with

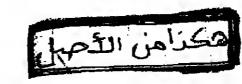
and anger against the Democrats. 1919: Germany's Goals

WARSAW - M. Paderewski, Prime Minister, gave an interview today [March 23]. He said: "Germany made war not for bonor and ideals but for markets and raw material.

. The same men who organized the present war count on reorganiz-ing Russia in their own interest. If they do they will have an endless resource in labor and raw material. ... With these assets Germany would inevitably stamp her domin-ion on the whole world."

1944: Hungary Occupied LONDON - [From our New York

edition: Germany announced to-night [March 23] the occupation of Hungary "by mutual agreement" and the formation of a new collaborationist government under Field Marshal Dome Sztojay, Hungarian Minister to Berlin. An official German broadcast announced the occupation nearly four days after German troops had marched into the country, and said that under the new government Hun-gary would be able to use all her resources "for final victory." The announcement came a few hours after the adjournment sine die of the Hungarian Parliament.



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Blame the Cloister System For Ames's Long Slow Dig

By Mark Riebling

GAINESVILLE, Florida — In the argument over whether the CIA or FBI is more to blame for security lapses in the Aldrich Ames spy case, the CIA bas taken the biggest beating.
In fact, the FBI bungled, too.

Still, ultimate blame for the disaster must be placed oot on the FBI or CIA separately but on the system that requires their separation.

By statute, the CIA handles foreign counterintelligence while the FBI tries to catch spies at home. Because spies cross borders, this arrangement has nev-

er been very workable. Richard Helms, the former director of central intelligence, compares it to "cut-ting a man down the middle."

Such breakdowns have marred interagency counterintelligence for more than 50 years.

To keep both halves from walking in opposite directions requires close liaison. Lacking that, the result can be disastrous.
The Ames affair is a good case study

The Ames affair is a good case study in the breakdowns that have marred interageocy counterintelligence for more than 50 years.

First, there is the failure to pool important facts. The CIA is said to bave withheld details relevant to the FBI's investigation of suspected moles, which detail to 1025. But an effectivity filed by dated to 1985. But an affidavit filed by an FBI agent who investigated Mr. Ames suggests that the FBI also oeglected to pass important data to the CIA.

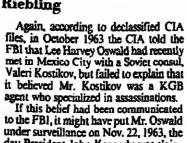
The bureau learned through surveillance of the Soviet Embassy in Washington that Mr. Ames scheduled a meeting with a Soviet official on Feb. 14, 1986. Standard procedure was that the FBI would inform the CIA of such matters, so that the agency could be sure the contact was authorized. But the FBI apparently never told the CIA about the contact, which was not approved.

If it had, Mr. Ames might have been

arrested eight years earlier. Such failures have been too common and costly. FBI files show that as early as Septem-

ber 1941, when the Office of Coordinator of Information, predecessor of the CIA. was trying to guess Japanese strategic intentions, the bureau withheld from it a German double agent's intelligence docu-ment that showed a clear Axis interest in an attack on Pearl Harbor.

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day President John Kennedy was slain. More recently, former intelligence offi-cials acknowledged that in 1990, when Sheikh Abdul Rahman applied for a visa, the CIA did not tell the FBI that he was suspected of being a terrorist organizer on the Iranian intelligence payroll since 1981. This information was relayed only

after the World Trade Center was bombed by Sheikh Rahman's followers. Second, there has been a sharp institutional difference of opinion over possible security problems.

According to oews reports, FBI agents were shocked that the CIA took two years to investigate a tip that Mr. Ames was living beyond his means, ap-palled that the results of his polygraph tests were explained away and infuriated when the CIA blocked scrutiny of failed spy operations.

The CIA wanted to handle the Ames case itself, especially since many CIA officials consider FBI agents cops who lack the sophistication and sensitivity

needed to conduct a proper mole hunt. Finally, and most fundamentally, there has been a persisteot clash be-tween the imperatives of law enforcement, which requires evidence in court and iotelligence-gathering, which re-quires a low public profile and the protection of sources.

For these reasons, the CIA opposed FBI probes into Manuel Antonio Noriega, the former Panamanian leader, who had helped the CIA's Nicaraguan contras, and also withheld secrets about Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, the Italian bank that offered the CIA a window on Saddam Hussein's ouclear research.

Those versed in the history of intergency disputes were, therefore, oot surprised by a Newsweek report that a joint FBI-CIA meeting at the FBI's Quantico facility broke up testily as the Ames in-quiry moved into its final phases in De-cember, when both sides could not agree on coordinating criminal prosecution. The issue of FBI surveillance was es-

pecially sensitive. Too little might leave the FBI without a conclusive case. Too moch might spook Mr. Ames before he could lead investigators to other possi-ble moles and might even compromise the very sources that had led to the Ames investigation.

There was an ugly precedent, In 1958, when the CIA tipped the FBI to two Soviet agents in the United States, the FBI followed them so intensely they fled to Moscow, telling their bosses the mis-sion was blown. The KGB set traps for those who had known of the agents'



mole in Moscow, the ultimate source of the agency's tip to the bureau.

disputes, there have been calls for reform of the system. In every major government inquiry into U.S. intelligence failures since 1941, poor interagency liaison has been detected and denounced.

Most recently Dennis DeConcini, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee has promised to try to legislate, if necessary, some mechanism to guarantee future cooperation.

But, as in the past, such talk is likely

mission and caught Pyotr Popov, a CIA to lead only to the formation of tooth-

nole in Moscow, the ultimate source of less interagency committees.
The agency's tip to the bureau.

Real reform — giving counterintelligence wholly to the FBI, CIA or some oew third agency — will almost certainly never occur because of the lear that such a concentration of power would create an American Gestapo.

This fear is as widespread as it is unfounded. The myth is that the split be-tween the agencies was originally created on civil-liberties grounds. But Lawrence other cases, the nation has been losing. Houston, who wrote the CIA's charter in 1947, has said the division was made for bureaucratic and constitutional reasons.

Fighting the creation of a CIA, J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director, wanted a worldwide spy service under his authority. He argued against a geographical division of counterspy duties. When he saw that a CIA would be established, he argued that if it had any domestic securifunctions it could become a Gestapo. He won. Since then, in the Ames and

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Aunt Sarah Rather Liked Her Real Childhood Name

By Paul Spencer Sochaczewski

my family name, Wachtel, to my grandfather's family name, and Win or Wong would have been a lot easier to put on a new credit card than Sochaczewski.

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But we have oo control over whose descendants we are. My grandfather, Josef Sochaczewski, came to the United States from Kalisz, Poland, in 1912, as part of the great wave of European im-

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migration into North America. His fammigration into North America. His family — my grandmother Esther, my father Samuel, and my aunt, whom I always called Syd — following in 1913.

I have an old family portrait that I treasure. My bearded grandfather looks like a Polish Pavarotti; my grandmother, pregnant with my uncle Bill, resembles a weary but wise Madonna. Apparantly she had nuberrulosis when the

ently she had tuberculosis when the photo was taken; she died a year later.

It came time for little Syd to go to school. Her Aunt Lena, the only relative who spoke good English, accompanied the girl. But the school official refused to register Syd and told Lens to come back with a simpler name. Lens, thinking quickly, suggested that Syd Sochaczewski be registered instead as Syd Wachtel,

which was Lena's married name. My grandfather thought this was fine since, to him, Wachtel sounded more American than Sochaczewski. He then took the oecessary legal steps to change the family name to Wachtel.

tremists could have been involved in the

incidents. But this is oot the case. The

U.S. military police cooducted 350 in-

terviews at the Büdingen barracks con-

cerning the racist attacks. A spokesman

for the U.S. 5th Corps in Frankfurt has asserted that Germans had oothing to

I had known the story for years but

HONOLULU — I filled out the forms and wished my ancestors had been Burmese or Chinese. I was changing my name. I was concerned that my modest writing career would be himdered. I dreaded having to change all my records. And as an American expatriate normally based in Switzerland, I had to wait until I returned to the United States

long enough to establish residence there. The fourth problem, however, was the most important. No one in our family knew how to spell the original name. I finally got in touch with the National Archives and Records Administration in Bayonne, New Jersey, and told them what I knew about the family's arrival in America. Several weeks later, they sent me photocopies of the original folio pages of passengers arriving at Ellis Is-land aboard the S.S. Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, sailing from Hamburg,

It was the best use of U.S. taxpay

money that I've come across. SOCHA-CZEWSKI, the folio said. I telephoned some Polish friends to learn how to pronounce it (say: SOK-HA-CHEV-SKI). 1 practiced my signature a few times (it still hurts my hand to write the name and I'm certainly not comfortable enough yet to scrawl it). I spelled the name on the phone to friends, first in English, theo in French. It felt like I had been dealt a Scrabble hand with no yowels.

I came to Hawaii on sabbatical. The office of the lieutenant governor, Benja-min Cayetano, was helpful in walking me through the paperwork. Most Americans are immigrants, of course, but it felt somehow suitable to go back to my Polish roots in the Hawaiian melting pot. Fan-oy, the Chinese woman at the East-West Center in charge of aloha (that's her real job description) organized a quasi-Chi-nese ceremony. We just substituted bursting balloons for firecrackers.

I changed my name oot so much because I feel Polish (I don't speak a word) but because I doo't feel German (and I certainly don't feel like a quail, which is bow Wachtel translates). Somehow it feels right.

When I decided to make the change, I called Aunt Syd, who started all this trouble by wanting to go to school some 80 years ago. I asked why she called herself Syd. "My name was Sadie, but I never liked that oame so I changed it to Syd." Syd. "She explained."

Syd," she explained,
"But your name isn't Sadie," I said,
"It's Sarah. It says so right here on the immigration documents, Sarah, Four years old. Nationality: Russian. Race: Jewish, Final destination: Brooklyn,

You were illiterate."
"Oh my," my 85-year-old aunt re-plied. "If I had known that, I oever would have changed my name. I rather like the name Sarah, doo't you?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to Deal With Kim

Although North Korea has stonewalled on the latest inspections of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United States should continue to dangle the carrot as well as the stick. But in its future dealings, Washington had better strike deals directly with the insiders of Pyongyang instead of the out-siders, those North Korean diplomats who have no knowledge of ouclear secrets, no power to formulate policy and no courage to report anything that

might displease their "great leader."
The North Korean diplomats treated so far by the Americans as parmers in dialogue are good only at reporting Washington's views in a twisted and deformed way to humor their leader. Consequently, Washington would be

well advised to send to Pyongyang only those few people who can speak directly to the paramount leader, Kim II Sung. They should bring their own in-terpreters of Korean. The key is held by

shortest path to pursue, as today's North Korean crisis stems from its the show's staff, not to mention the managers at NBC and the people making advertising decisions, should wake up. leader's ignorance of the outside world. Mr. Kim also is hankering after a meeting with Americans in order to en-

sure the survival and legacy of his regime, because he knows that his days are oumbered. Remember that he is grimly hanging over the precipice clutching at straws. It is the North Koreans who are beckoning to Americans for their rescue, YANG DONG CHIL. Dakar, Senegal,

Who's in Charge Here?

Regarding "Today She Would Be Frightened" (Meanwhile, March 4): Frank Rich's grandmother is not the

only one who would/should be concerned; every Jew in America and beyond should be concerned. But not just about Louis Farrakhan. They should also be questioning why NBC would permit such a horror show featuring the Nation of oo one but Mr. Kim himself. Trying to Islam leader. And if the talk show host enlighten him will be the surest and Arsenio Hall doesn't know enough to Sound Familiar? Has it ever occurred to anybody that

asking for the evacuation of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza sounds rather like "ethnic cleansing?" There will be no chance for peace in the Middle East as loog as the Arabs do oot accept the idea that a (very small) mioority of Jews can live in a Palestinian state, just as a (quite large) minority of Arabs lives in Israel. ALENA HOCHMANN.

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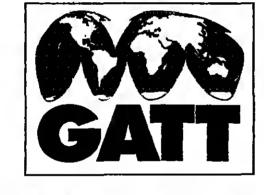
Regarding "Black GIs Harassed at German Base" (Feb. 25):

This article leaves the reader with the impression that German right-wing exdo with the incidents and that it was a purely "internal" affair of the U.S. military community in Büdingen. HEINRICH LUMMER. The writer is a member of the German

Clinton by the Cupful

In the absence of character there will always be, sooner or later, an abuse of power. What we see oow to the Whitewater affair is only the first draft of a cup that has been proffered to us. We will surely drain it to the dregs as long as Mr. Chinton is president.

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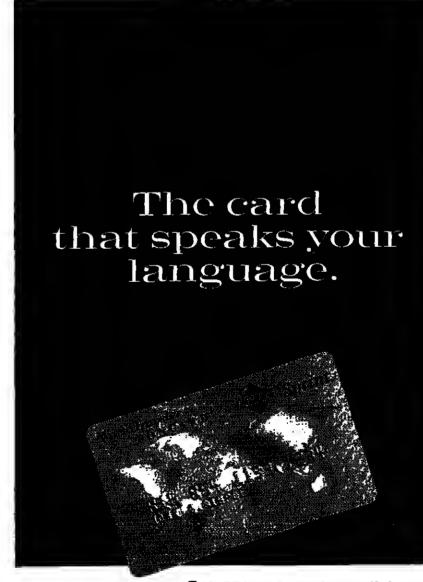
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Vienna's Volksoper: On Its Own Again and Seeking a Niche

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

IENNA — Many major cities — New York, London, St. Petersburg, Prague, Paris, Munich, — have two opera houses. (Berlin has three.) In all those cities, in one way or another, the second company must constantly struggle to define its role.

The hig company does the big operas, meaning not only Wagner and Strauss hut also the smaller core-repertory staples: Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, maybe even Janacek and Berg.

That leaves operettas and musicals, ballets, lighter operas, modern operas, marginal operas. perhaps also mainstream operas, perhaps friskier productions, often opera in the language of

fn recent years, no secondary opera compa-ny has struggled more with such questions of identity, and made more U-turns in its search

for a direction, than the Vnlksoper in Vienna.

The city has a powerful operetta tradition.

Vnlksoper once again on its own, as of 1996.

His recommendation for a separate chief for and the Volksoper in recent decades has been its primary preserver. But it has done American musicals, too, and all manner of more or less successful experiments.

The theater was founded 96 years ago as an overtly "German-Christian" spoken theater, hut it soon began doing operas and operettas, for which its relatively intimate size (1,500 seats) and fine acoustics suit it well.

The theater's ties to the all-powerful Vienna State Opera have shifted over the years. Sometimes it has been a direct subsidiary of the bigger company. More often it has been independent, but with a loose working agreement not to duplicate repertory or new productions. In 1991, Eberhard Wächter, a baritone turned opera administrator, succeeded in amalgamating

the two companies. But after his unexpected death in 1992, his successor, Ioan Holender, in his recent negotiations to renew his contract until 2002, made it a condition to spin off the

the Volksoper was an interesting one: Klaus Bachler, who since 1992 has run the Vienna Festival and made it a Next-Wavish hotbed of experimental music theater.

Bachler is full of enthusiasm about what he

calls his "Volksoper adventure."

He and Holender made it clear that the Volksoper would have its own music director.

The two companies will maintain their current sharing of some singers, partly as a way of luring promising young artists to the Volksoper and partly to provide a pool of "covers," or last-minute substitutes, for the State Opera. But otherwise, Bachler will be on his own.

The performance level at the Volksoper is pretty high. Operettas look a little overlighted and cartoonish but are idiomatically sung and alertly played by the theater's orchestra. The

genre is not being renewed systematically, how-ever, and Holender evinces little interest in it. The Volksoper does marginal repertory as well. The latest new production has been of Bizet's "Les Pecheurs de Perles," which improbably is being seen in Vienna for the first time, Holender said. This was an awkwardly updated production, but it was decently sung

ETTER still was the company's most critically admired production in recent years, of Shostakovich's "Lady Macbeth of Mstensk." Superhly act-ed in a staging by Christine Michtz that really punched home every dramatic point, this is just the sort of intensely theatrical opera that works with a smallish company like the Volksoper but too often turns into generalized rhetoric in the wide-open spaces of a major theater.

But as this mixture of operas, operatias and production styles suggests, the Volksoper lacks a ready identity. It is this profile that Bachler is eager to provide. Exactly what he's going to do is unclear, perhaps even to him.

He speaks kindly of operettas, but in updated production styles of which Holender, for one, disapproves. He wants to do unusual operas but not to concentrate on exotica. He said that onethird of the Volksoper repertory should be contemporary, but that he wanted to retain the current "nonintellectual" public of workingand middle-class Viennese.

About one thing he was clear. After his success in presenting novelties at the Vienna Festival, he is convinced that Viennese conservatism is "a myth." "Naturally." he added, Verdi and Gounod have it easier in Vienna, hut they do in Paris, too. Volksoper means People's Opera, and what I don't want to do is overwhelm people. Theater is not a school; it should be a seductive experience."

Whatever the past and future success of the Volksoper's service to operetta — and tourists still pile in by the husload — the freshest and funniest Viennese operetta revival of the season is not in an opera house at all but in repertory at

the Kammerspiele of the Theater an der Josef-stadt: "Die Lustigen Nibelungen," ("The Jolly Nibelungs") hy Oscar Straus.

Nibelungs") hy Oscar Straus.

This is a "Ring" parody first seen in Vienna in 1904. More precisely, it is a "Götterdämmerung" parody. For all its appeal to Viennese and its German-language in-jokes, this is something that New Yorkers might especially enjoy. The reason is that the operetta was directed by Otto Schenk, the stage director of the Metropolitan Opera's "Ring," with sets and costumes by Rolf Langenfass, who did the Mer's "Ring" costumes.

The result is a very funny bit of self-parody. The staging is also full of operatic in-jokes. Heinz Zednik, for years a famous Mime, finally gets to play, and skewer, Siegfried.

To see Zednik prance onstage, in a scene just like Siegfried's arrival at the Gibichung Hall in the first act of Wagner's opera, firmly fix his monocle, give a little flip with his hand and demurely coo "Hoi-ho" is to realize that comic

LONDON THEATER

Ralph and Walt: A Walk in Woods

'Democracy' Is an 'Issue' Play

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON — A clearing in the woods near Washington, July 1863: Walt Whitman and Ralph Waldo Emerson are there to slug it out with two soldiers, a deserter from the South and a hlinded, dying veteran from the North.

What is at issue here is not, however, the Civil War itself, hut rather the soul of the United States and the fight for decency. John Murrell's amhitious, talky "Democracy" (at the Bush) is an "issue" play but the issues themselves are so vast that they are inclined to hring any drama to a grinding halt while we embark on yet another pantheistic debate.

On the one hand, Murrell gives us hig Walt, forever ready to see the best in men as he shelters soldiers in his woodland glade and talks of the miracles of earthly love, even as his beloved boys are dying around him. On the other hand there is craggy, disbelieving Waldo, who has the evidence of his own eyes to remind him of man's inhumanity to man and the ultimate foolishness of any real optimism, especially in

John Dove's production, on a wonderfully realistic set by Robert Jones complete with growing grass and forest pools on that tiny Bush stage, sets up Hugh Ross as the

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Townsend's chubhy, prattling Whitman and lets them talk it out as the two soldiers (Nick Waring and Johnny Lee Miller) form their audience and ultimately the living and dying figureheads of their ar-

But Murrell never commits to one side or the other, never indicates whether he favors Emerson's worldly cynicism over Whitman's smug, ramhling paternalism; a writers conference in the middle of a bloody conflict is apt therefore to

seem something of an indulgence. Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party," now on the National's Lyttelton stage in a dazzling new pro-duction hy Sam Mendes, did not make much sense to its original audiences in 1958, though I am never entirely certain why they are forever being hlamed for this. At the time, Pinter had only recently given up the life of a towns. given up the life of a touring actor. and in one sense his play is a merciless, hrilliant parody of all the tacky stage thrillers of the period, except that the Inspector never

In another sense, of course, it changed forever the relationship of playwright to punter: for the first time, Pinter demanded that his spectators do some of the work for themselves, make their own connections, sort out their own puzzles instead of waiting for the dramatist to serve them a neat denouement.

Nothing here is quite what it seems, but Mendes has courageous-ly given "The Birthday Party" hack all the trappings of its times: from the bouncy Light Program radio music that introduces it, through Dora Bryan's supremely cozy sea side landlady, to Bob Peck and Nicholas Woodeson as the B-movie heavies, every echo here of the late '50s gives us the perfect period flavor with which to understand and recall the hackground against which the play first exploded.

As the unemployed pianist whose body and soul are fought over by all the other characters, Anton Lesser remains somewhat bemused and overshadowed. But as the play

sketch through a long night's jour-ncy back to totalitarian oppression, Trevor Peacock wonderfully indicates the price paid by the innocent bystander to the thugs of the state. Best of all, though, apart from Bryan's wondrous return to the height of her comic form, is the moment when the set slides back into a street full of houses just like it: in every window a light, in every room some other kind of nameless

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RUSSIA UNDER THE

BOLSHEVIK REGIME

By Richard Pipes. Illustrated.

587 pages. \$35. Alfred A. Knopf.

Reviewed by Christopher

I N "Russia Under the Bolshevik Regime," Richard Pipes at-tempts to disabuse his readers of

any lingering notion that the early years of Communist leadership in

Russia were somehow more benign

and well-intentioned than the later

ones were or that there was a fun-

damental change in the regime fol-

lowing the transition from Lenin's

Lenin's regime was perhaps less

competent in its malignity. Pipes implies. For instance, he argues that

Currently on a national tour, Ken Hoare's 'Glyn & It' is an in-triguing slice of Hollywood history that never becomes the Wildean comedy of bad manners within

moves from boarding-house revue

mantic novelist who had by then taken up residence in the Califorbigny, since the author's estate has nia hills as an adviser on historical epics ("ducal castles do not have a line of spittoons, even gold ones, down the middle of the drawing room"), formed an unboly alliance with Clara Bow, whom she rightly

Emma Amos and Bob Peck in Pinter's "The Birthday Party" at the Lyttelton.

saw as the spirit of the new age. Colette had her Gigi, Anita Loos her Lorelei Lee, and Elinor her Clara, but Hoare's often funny and touching script gives neither Penel-ope Keith nor Samantha Spiro the chance to do more than sketch in some shadowy figures for Richard

Cottrell's agile, classy production. Paris will apparently not be getcomedy of bad manners within ting to see Deborah Warner's new with a s which the author has framed it. In about 1926 Elinor Glyn, the ro- which Fiona Shaw was due to play dramas.

better generalship or because

their call was more compelling, but

rather simply because of superior

He writes, "When one considers

the enormous advantages of the Bolsheviks, mostly the result of

their early conquest of central Rus-

sia, the surprising thing is not that they won the civil war, but that it

took them three years to do it."

And, for instance, he concludes of

Lenin's attempts to export his revo-

lution to Europe that its main

achievement was to discredit com-

munism and play into the hands of national extremists who exploited

the population's xenophobia hy

stressing the role of foreigners, espe-cially Jews, in inciting civil unrest." But nf Bolsbevism's utopian

numbers and strategic position.

the Reds won the civil war against dreams, Pipes takes an extremely the Whites (1917-1920) not because dim view. He states that the civil war

bigny, since the author's estate has objected to a couple of minor

changes in the text.

For one week only, London audiences at the Garrick did get to see this 20-minute monologue, with the spinster daughter in fine Irish rant, howling against the injustices of an unseen hut occasionally heard mother. The piece remains a curtain-raiser, and should perhaps have been played with at least one other to justify an evening in the stalls.

But if the Beckett estate is attempting to freeze all the productions in their original postwar state, we are going to end up pretty soon with a series of seldom-performed museum pieces rather than living

was waged not to beat back imperi-

alist invaders but to carry out what

to Lenin "meant the global class

conflict between his party, the van-

guard of the 'proletariat,' and the

international bourgeoisie."

He concludes that Lenin "not

only expected civil war to hreak out

hut took power in order to unleash

As for what some observers have described as Lenin's more henevo-

lent leadership, Pipes argues that all the seeds of Stalinism were sown

under Lenin, from repression of dissent to the practice of mounting

show trials to outright terror and

cludes his earlier history, "The

Pipes's book continues and con-

liately after his taking power,

Lights! Camera! Voices!

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Under the title of "Classique en Images 1994," the Louvre is de-voting its third biennale of filmed music to a retrospective "great voices of the 20th centu-- as if the voices of any other century were available on film and

For all practical purposes this retrospective goes back to the beginning of time, which is the late 1920s, when the movies learned how to sing as well as dance. There is a little bit of everything, from historic to trivial, in this selection of concerts, recitals, television programs, opera excerpts, singer pro-files, master classes, documentaries and whatnot, much of it fascinating to scholars or just plain opera nats.

Two distinct eras can be identified before the mass arrival of opera in video. The first was from about 1930 to after World War II, which includes some experiments with the new technology and the use of famous artists as an added fillip in feature films. The second began with the arrival of television, which awkwardly tried to figure out how it could use opera - a task that still goes on as opera tries to

figure ont how to use video. Era No. 1 includes some fascinating, if crude, documents. Included here are the Waroer Bros. Vitaphone shorts featuring Giovanni Martinelli and Beniamino Gigli -the two tenors who divided Caruso's Metropolitan Opera do-main after his death. These shorts are either crudely staged opera scenes or schlocky pretexts for pop-

In the case of Martinelli, the sound of the operatic items is terrihle and badly out of synch, but ones offering him as the Sorrento boatman or the gypsy king are fine and actually give a good idea of how he must have carried himself onstage. His clarion tones and risktaking style were the same a decade later, on the evidence of his Met

"Otello," now available on CD. The full-length feature films fas-cinated with hints of great singers cut off in their prime, such as Joseph Schmidt, whose double misfortune was to be too short for a stage career and a Jew in Central Europe in the 1930s, but whose velvety lyric tenor resulted in a hriefly sensational radio and concert career. Another is Maria Cebotan, the Vienna-based lyric sopra-no who died in 1949 at age 39. Conchita Supervia is a legend as a Rossini singer and a Carmen, and her rich and vibrant mezzo soprano and mischievous charm are well do-

cumented in an otherwise dreadful

Russian Revolution" (1990), and is

the eighth work on Russia written

by the author, who is Baird Profes-

sor of History at Harvard Universi-

ty and who served in 1981-82 as

President Reagan's National Secu-

rity Council adviser on Soviet and

The period covered by the cur-

rent volume is a chaotic one, partic-

ularly so the time of the civil war.

Pipes meets the challenge to co-herence by organizing his chapters topically: "The Civil War," "Com-

munism for Export," "NEP: The False Thermidor," "The Crisis of the New Regime," "Reflections on the Russian Revolution."

For the reader, Pipes's approach

is a reward simply because it allows

him to tell a great story in the most

theatrical terms possible. Regard-less of ideological bias, you cannot help but he caught up hy his ac-

count of the struggle for the dying Lenin's mantle that was fought

among Trotsky, Kameney, Zinov-

But in the end, Pipes's purpose is not to entertain us. It is instead to

Of course it may be argued that

East European affairs.

tale of opera life filmed in 1934, ly felt and expressed and sung "He's two years before she died at the Got the Whole World in His Hand," height of her career. These films, regardless of merit or lack thereof, are to be cherished as rare documents of rare talents.

Two of the documents date from 1954, but relate to singers whose substantial careers occurred between the wars. Ezio Pinza is certainly welcome in "South Pacific."

And Nelson Eddy is represented, not by his movie operettas with Jeanette MacDonald, hut in a Disney short to which he lends his voice ("Willie the Operatic Whale"). Yet Eddy sang every role that came his way in several sea-sons at the Philadelphia Civic Op-era, including a role in the U.S. premiere of Berg's "Wozzeck." Henry Pleasants, the International Herald Trihune's critic in London, was a Philadelphia critic at the time, and recalls that Eddy lacked the high G that might have opened the Met's door, so he went to Hollywood and presumably sang all the way to the bank,

Beginning with the '50s, there is a generous assortment of American television, including the samples from "The Voice of Firestone," "Producer's Showcase," and, yes, "The Ed Sullivan Show." Behind the pompously inane announcing and rudimentary mises en-scène (a singer could not just stand and sing on television) is plenty of evidence that the 1950s was one of the golden ages Jussi Björling, Leonard Warren, Zinka Milanov, Richard Tucker,

done shortly after her belated Met debut) and much more. There was a mid-'50s "documen-

tary" about the Glyndebourne Festival. The documentary part of it was huried in an exceptionally dimwitted story line about a yokel from Chicago who cannot figure out why his train from Victoria Station is but are there no other visual records of his long and illustrious Met career?

And Nelson Eddy is represented.

And Nelson Eddy is represented. founder. (You bet!) But we also get large chunks of one of the festival's historic "Figaro" productions, with Sena Jurinac, Sesto Bruscantini, Hugues Cuenod and company, so all was well.

UT perhaps the most treasurable of all is a film of Anna Russell's farewell performance of her celebrated half-hour elucidation of Wagner's "Ring" cycle, accurate in every detail (including the musical examples) and still hilarious. (On Siegmund and Sieglinde's incestuous affair: "She's married, so it's immoral, and she's his sister, so it's

Maria Callas, Tito Gobbi, Boris Christoff, Tito Schipa and Ljuba Welitsch figure prominently in the schedule for Wednesday and Thursday, and the final days, Friday through Monday are devoted to an international competition for music films made in 1992-93, ranging from the musical life of the Nazi camp of Theresienstadt (Terezin) to the Philadelphia Orchestra under Stokowski, Ormandy, Mnti Mario Del Monaco, Renata Te- and Sawallisch, to the career of the baldi, Márian Anderson (an intense-filin composer Bernard Herrmann.

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At Last, Pavarotti Wows 'em in Manila

By William Branigin Washington Post Service

ANILA - Luciano Pavarotti, battling a cough, cold and fever that forced him to cancel a concert in Manila on Friday, delivered a hravura performance on Monday night before an appreciative crowd.

"I never thought it possible to arrive at this last song," the tenor told more than 4,000 people inside the concert hall and thousands more watching outside on a huge screen. He dedicated the last of three standing-ovation encores to a local doctor, Roberto Tan, who got up and took a bow before Pavarotti finished the more than twohour concert with "Grenada."

Accompanied splendidly by the 64-piece Philippine Symphony Orchestra, the 58-year-old opera star seemed to be struggling a bit as if focusing all his energy on surmounting his malady and hitting his notes. He appeared satisfied with his performance, however, and Philippine opera buffs were clearly thrilled.

But Pavarotti's first appearance in Manila aroused more than just the passions of opera lovers. It also became enmeshed in controversies that threatened to cast a bigger shadow than the rotund tenor himself. First there was the key concert-organizing role of Rose Marie Arenas, a wealthy Manila socialite hetter known to Manilans as the former mistress of President Fidel V. Ramos. Then there was the rather awkward timing of the performance, which was originally scheduled for March 18 — the president's birthday.

Topping it off were the ticket prices. The best seats went for the equivalent of \$900—more than a congressman's monthly salary and more than twice the price of the most expensive ticket in Malaysia, where Pavarotti had originally scheduled a public performance for Monday. His postponement here forced him to cancel that date, but he still plans to sing in a private concert for Malaysian royalty.

The steep ticket prices prompted one Philippine senator to call for the arrest of any government official who shelled out the top price for a seat as an ostentatious display of unusual wealth. The organizers sought to take some of the sting out of the prices by setting up a large screen and speakers outside the concert hall and inviting Flipinos to watch the performance out in the open for free.

According to Arenas, Pavarotti agreed to donate about \$110,000 of his \$910,000 contract price to charity in the Philippines. When the concert date was first announced, newspapers here billed it as a birthday tribute to the president from Arenas. Even though Arenas insisted that the date was chosen by Pavarotti's manager and only happened to coincide with the birthday, Amelita Ramos, the president's wife, was said to be less than overjoyed about

the whole thing.

So it was that when the date rolled around, Ramos and his wife of 40 years were off in the hills of the northern Philippines, marking his 66th birthday with a visit to remote mountain tribes. "Birthday in

the boundary with a visit to remote figuriain tribes. "Birinday in the boundarks," one newspaper called the foray.

The postponement of the concert left the Ramoses with no conflicting event on their schedule, but they still did not attend.

MONG the concert-goers was a bejeweled Imelda Marcos, dressed all in black. The widow of former President Ferdinand E Marcos has been convicted of graft and sentenced to 24 years in jail, but she remains free on bail while the case is appealed,

None of the local controversy seemed to bother Pavarotti much. When he learned of the preconcert ruckus, he said at a press conference Thursday, "I said to myself I must go to Manila anyhow." His main problem, he said, was a nagging cold that still had

him sneezing and coughing.

Pavarotti said he has long wanted to visit the Philippines, a musicloving country whose singers, dancers and musicians perform all over Asia. In 1957, his first voice teacher, Arrigo Pola, left to sing in

the Philippines, ravarotu sain.

Arenas, whose fund-raising efforts helped Ramos win the 1992 presidential election and who is reputed to maintain political influence behind the scenes, dismissed the idea that she had organized the concert for Ramos, whom she met in the early 1970s when he was chief of the Philippine Constabulary. "I cannot afford to give a 25 million peso (\$910,000) birthday present to anybody, please," she said. "I'd rather huy myself a necklace."

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Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times,

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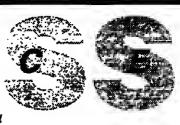
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International Herald Tribune, Wednesday, March 23, 1994







Low Point In Trade For U.S.

Deficit in Goods Jumps 26 Percent

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The monthly U.S. trade deficit widened sharply in January as a big drop in sales of aircraft and telecommunications equipment caused exports to fall by the largest amount on record, the government said Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said that the trade deficit in both goods and services jumped 51.8 percent in January, to \$6.30 billion, widening from December's deficit of \$4.15

That increase occurred despite the fact that the government for the first time included trade in services in its monthly report.

The surplus in the services category rose in January by \$130 million, to \$4.73 billion. However, that small gain was wiped out by a \$2.28 billion widening of the deficit in goods, which jumped 26 percent, to \$11.03 billion.

Under the old accounting meth-od, which measured merchandise trade in R slightly different way, the January goods deficit would have been \$9.84 billion, compared with a revised December deficit \$7.37 billion, which had been the smallest trade imbalance in a year.

The oew report gives a country-by-country breakdown only for trade in goods. Analysts say they do not have enough information on services to provide country-by-country details. The United States continued to

suffer the highest goods deficit with Japan, although the imbalance narrowed by 12.9 percent in January, to \$4.62 billion, the smallest monthly trade gap with Japan since June of last year. Shipments of commercial air-

craft were down \$462 million, and exports of telecommunications equipment fell by \$233 million.

The overall drop in goods exports, \$2.7 billion when measured by the old method, was the largest ever, topping the old mark of \$1.8 billion set in August 1986. Imports of foreign services fell 1.4 percent, to \$11.02 billion.

De Beers Sets Asia Aglitter **Diamonds Tempt the Newly Affluent**

By Steve Coll Washington Post Service

ROMBAY - Outfitted in designer eyeglasses and a fashionable button-down shirt, the youthful diamond scion Jatin Mehta glides to his office in a chauffeured gray Mercedes-Benz. He weaves slowly through Bombay's urban phantasmagoria - the zippy motor rickshaws spewing diesel smoke, the swarms of pedestrians, the water-streaked office towers packed like pickets against the Arabian Sea.

Some might see poverty through Mr. Mehta's tinted windows. It is out there, of course, But Mr. Mehta sees something else: the glint of working women's jewelry. In that glint, he sees the impend ing arrival of R glittering new diamond age in India - the world's second most populous nation, now opening fully to global trade for the first time in

The challenge facing Mr. Mehta's Suraj Diamonds (India) Ltd. and his backers at the De Beers international diamond cartel is to persuade 400 million-plus Indian women, many of them trapped by lonely, arranged marriages and feudal family values, that diamonds are their best friend.

"When you work so hard for your money, family life changes — let's face it," Mr. Mehta explained as be rose through his office skyscraper in an elevator packed with smartly dressed, youthful working women. "With exports growing, with income growing, these ladies are going to look for themselves, to buy what they want."

If Mr. Mehta is right, then diamonds may really be forever. It did not look that way to some analysts just two years ago. A glut of new diamond supplies and saturated Western markets pushed what is arguably the world's most successful commodity cartel, led by De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., to the brink of crisis. But today De Beers is fighting for recovery. And a foundation of its future strategy lies here, in the rising incomes of the Asian nations.

Per capita purchasing power in the wealthy Asian countries ranged in 1993 from an estimated

\$5,200 in Thailand to \$18,500 in Hong Kong, Last year, economic growth rates ranged from about 5 percent in Hong Kong, India and South Korea to between 6 percent and 8 percent in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. Chi-

na's was an astounding 13 percent.

The Asian acquisitive classes buoyed by this growth seek above all Western brand names, fam-

Asia's Western-imitative consumer spurt is com-parable to "what happened in the U.S., France and

They will spend money on those things which they think are important to middleclass status.'

Samuel Beizer, jewelry industry consultant.

Europe in the 19th century," said Samuel Beizer, a jewelry-industry consultant. "They will spend money on those things which they think are important to middle-class status. In the U.S. in the 19th century, it was French silks."

Now in Asia "it is Mercedes, jewelry ... a certain kind of value — Tiffany, Cartier, Gialatti, Van Cleef," Mr. Beizer said.

In 1992, for example, China became the world's biggest consumer of gold for the first time in modern history, purchasing more than 350 tons. The vast majority of its imports were gold jewelry, according to the World Gold Council.

Unlike other resources, the global diamond in-dustry is managed by a disciplined, unified cartel, led by De Beers, which originated in South Africa

De Beers has survived world wars, depression, See STONES, Page 15

Moscow Claims Its Reforms Pass IMF Muster

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — The International

Monetary Fund has agreed to release a \$1.5 billion loan to Russia that had been held up since last year by doubts about the government's commitment to economic reform, Prime Minister Viktor S.

Chernomyrdin said Tuesday.

Mr. Chernomyrdin bas been meeting with Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, and was able to persuade him that Russia would pursue the anti-inflationary and tight credit polices de-manded by the international lending organization.

IMr. Camdessus said he was confident Russia would be able to meet its goals, the Associated Press re-

jectives of the country in making every effort to reduce inflation," Mr. Camdessus said, adding that Russia for the money to be disbursed.]

The \$1.5 billion loan, intended to support Russia's transition to a free-market economy, was eagerly sought by the government not just for the money but as a badge of fiscal soundness vital for attracting cials, the negotia investment and soothing creditors.

itself reasonably. This sum is bigger by an order, or even orders, of magnitude than the \$1.5 billion. The money, the second installment of a promised IMF loan, was delayed when Russia began to slide

Sergei Vybornov, makes it "clear 10

everyone that Russia will conduct

away from the path of strict economic reform. Inflation has been explosive, anti-reform conserva-tives gained support in December parliamentary elections and key reformist ministers left the government in January. Despite predictions of economic

catastrophe after the reformers quit and a new cabinet dominated by Soviet-era industrialist took over, the situation has not been that bleak. Mr. Chernomyrdin, who just three months ago was blistering in "We basically agreed with the obtheir tough policies, now is sound-ing increasingly like them, with warnings against inflation and easy would submit a plan to the Fund's credit. The February inflation rate, board soon that would clear the way meanwhile, hit an 18-month low of 9.9 percent, a surprise even to the

> Many analysts said they doubted that such a low inflation rate could

According to government officials, the negotiations on the \$1.5 billion loan centered on IMF The Fund's decision to release the doubts over the government's promoney, said government official posed 1994 budget,

Japan's Economy Shrank at 2.2% Rate in Quarter

TOKYO - Japan's economy contracted at an annual rate of 2.2 percent in the last quarter of 1993, leaving it with barely perceptible growth for the entire year, the goveroment announced Toesday.

The razor-thin 0.1 percent expansion in gross domestic product for 1993 was the worst annual performance since 1974, when the economy shrank 0.6 percent as a result of the pressures of that year's

An Economic Planning Agency

official said the economy was poised to recover during the coming fiscal year, which begins April I, but that it was too early to say when the turnaround would begin. Despite some growth in personal

spending, an important component of GDP, drastic cutbacks in investmeot by Japanese companies dragged the overall economy into contraction, the official said. Private ecocomists warn that

while a recovery may be in the offing, several key policy decisions in the near future, including tax changes and the budget, will have a still bumping along the bottom,"

great impact on the economy's per-formance for the rest of the year. said Mineko Sasaki-Smith, chief in the last quarter of 1993 from the economist Rt Morgan Stanley Ja-previous quarter, amounting to an "There is still risk of a fall in the second quarter," said Jim Vestal,

an economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities, "but if I were betting money, I would say this is probably the bottom." Other economists were even more cautious about predicting an

upturn, ooting that the govern-ment's Economic Planning Agency has been wrong in the past in saying a turnaround was imminent. "As far as I am concerned, we're

pan. She warned that the ecocomy was being dragged by excess industrial capacity and bad debts.

Despite some positive signs in

the economic report, including growth in spending on housing, many remain worried that the high yen will continue to hammer Japanese exporters by making their products uncompetitive overseas. The delay in the passage of a budget for the oext fiscal year has also left business circles nervous.

annualized rate of 2.2 percent. Japan's GDP has alternated between growth and contraction for the last five quarters, leaving it with a growth rate of 0.1 percent in 1993,

Japan's trade surplus as a mea-sure of GDP, a figure closely watched by Tokyo's trading partners, continued to edge lower to 2.8 percent during the latest quarter from 29 percent and 3 percent in Japan's GDP shrank 0.6 percent the past two quarters.

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PHOENIX — Even as Craig O. McCaw and William H. Gates planned their newly disclosed \$9 billion satellite communications venture. Mr. McCaw was attempting to play matchmaker be-tween Mr. Gates' Microsoft Corp. and executives of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in an effort to draw the two companies into R strategic alliance.

For three months, the world's largest software and telecommunications companies have been se-cretly exploring a series of potential joint ventures, including interactive television, on-line computer services and software. The negotiations were confirmed in Phoenix this

week by executives of Microsoft and AT&T, who said that while they recently concluded that oo major deal was currently possible, they were con-tinuing to discuss areas where they could work

We've had a series of meaningful and helpful discussions," said Robert Kavner, the executive in charge of AT&T's Multimedia Products and Ser-

Microsoft executives cautioned, however, that they were in no rush to put together a deal now that the possibilities of a strategic relationship had dimmed. "If you can't make a big deal, don't wish for something smaller," said Michael J. Maples, a Microsoft executive vice president. Yet he acknowledged, "We still have smaller discussions going on real interesting projects."

The discussions have included at least one meeting between Mr. Gates, Microsoft's chairman, and Robert E. Allen, the chairman of AT&T. Talks between the two companies were initiated by Mr. McCaw, who is in the process of selling the largest cellular telephone company in the United States,

McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., to AT&T for \$126 billion.

For three years Mr. McCaw and Mr. Gates have secretly planned their own business deal, an 840satellite global communications network.

Nearly 30 percent of that venture, Teledesic Corp., is owned by McCaw Cellular — whose shares would be transferred to AT&T if its acquisition of McCaw is completed this year.

Many computer industry analysts have said in recent months that Microsoft is badly in need of R major ally as it seeks to enter new markets outside the personal computer industry. But recent deals that Microsoft and AT&T have announced with other companies indicate that sizable gaps remain

between the two companies. Early this month Microsoft announced that it planned to conduct interactive television trials with the largest U.S. cable company, Tele-Communica-tions Inc. Last week, AT&T said it would create public-network data services based on software from a Microsoft rival, Lotus Development Corp. Although some news reports last week indicated that Mr. Gates had made an impassioned effort to stop the AT&T-Lotus deal, an AT&T executive

said Monday that was not the case.

The executive, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that Mr. Gates had warned that a Lotus-AT&T deal would prohibit any exclusive relationship between AT&T and Microsoft. But

negotiations between Microsoft and AT&T were wide-ranging, the executive said, and they did not hinge upon AT&T's forgoing the Lotus deal.

As Microsoft has sought entry to markets beyond personal computer software, there has been might appearance the provider of the pr widespread concern that any large partner might suffer the same fate from a Microsoft alliance as befell International Business Machines Corp. losing control of its markets because of the rising importance of software.

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Rights Issue Is a Sham, Asians Told

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune
KUALA LUMPUR — East Asian countries fear that U.S. pressure on China over human rights may be the start of a wider Western attack on them for having wages, working conditions and environmental standards that are generally much lower than in the West.

Countries in the region were warned Tuesday by a senior UN official to prepare for such an attack, saying it could "dominate" talks starting next month on an agenda for a new round of global trade negotiations.

The official, K.K.S. Dadzie of Ghana, secretary-general of Unc-tad, the UN Conference on Trade and Development, said there was a "misconceived but growing percep-tion in industrialized countries that the gains of East Asia and other successful developing countries are

at their expense."

It was claimed, he said, that imports from East Asia in particular were responsible for high levels of unemployment and declining wages in Europe and North America, and that these imports repre-sented unfair competition because of low wages, inadequate enforcement of labor rights and weak envi-

ronmental regulations.

Mr. Dadzie was speaking at a See STANDARDS, Page 17

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Fed Rate Increase **Aids Bond Prices**

NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve Board's signal that it would allow short-term interest rates to rise sent Treasury bond

prices surging and underpinned the stock market Tuesday. Financial markets interpreted the move as a sign of the Fed's

U.S. Stocks

commitment to keeping inflation under control. The price of the benchmark 30year government bond jumped 15/32 point, to 92 15/32, and the

yield tumbled to 6.85 percent from 6.95 percent Monday. "There's been a big buildup of cash on the sidelines because people were uncertain about what the Fed would do and when they would do it," an analyst said. "With that uncertainty relieved, people decided the levels we were looking at were attractive."

The higher bond prices allowed stock investors to focus on firstquarter corporate earnings, which are expected to be strong enough to compensate for any jitters about the longer-term effects of higher interest rates, analysts said.

average slipped 2.30 points, to 3,862.55, other indexes rose and advancing issues outnumbered de-clining issues by a 5-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Telefonos de México's American

depositary receipts were the mostactively traded issue, surging 6 to 64% in step with Mexico's Bolsa stock index. The Mexican market was lifted by Manuel Camacho Solis' decision not to run for president. Mr. Camacho is the government's

mediator with rebellious peasants.

Tobacco stocks were hit by a House subcommittee vote to raise taxes on cigarettes to \$1.25 per pack from the current 24 cents. Philip Morris fell 1% to 52% and RJR Nabisco lost 1/2 to 61/4 in active

Drug stocks fell on concerns of a price war on drugs used to treat high cholesterol. Merck fell 1½ to 30½ and Bristol-Myers Squibb dropped 14 to 534.

In over-the-counter trading, Novell tumbled 3¼ to 20 after its announcement late Monday that in-tended to huy WordPerfect Corp. Several brokerage houses downgraded Novell's stock. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AP)

RATES: Fed Moves to Tighten

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sury bonds by more than half a percentage point, and stock prices

On Friday, Mr. Greenspan was called to a White House meeting with President Bill Clinton and his economic advisers, and the finan-

Foreign Exchange

cial markets fretted that the White House would talk the Fed out of continuing in raise rates. According to some analysts, that meant Mr. Greenspan had to act to reassure markets that the Fed was still in control.

Failure to reassure the markets would mean higher long-term rates as insurance against inflation, no matter what effect it might have on the U.S. economic recovery, which has been led by falling rates for mortgage, automobile and business loans. Damned if he did, and damned if he didn't, Mr. Greenspan and his board acted Tuesday and sat back to await the consequences in the money markets in the next few days.

The question remaining to be answered is whether the Fed's action will have been enough to keep the markets reassured in the longer term. So how much of a tightening is enough?

"Whatever it is, this isn't it," said John Lipsky, chief economist of clear change in policy that the Fed

Mickey Levy, chief economist of NationsBank, agreed that the latest move would not be the last and said the Fed would try to align policy to the economy's normal trend line of growth, which most economists now put at 2.5 percent to 3 percent

Dollar Little Changed The dollar closed little changed after the Fed's move.

The dollar slipped to 1.6884 DM from 1.6895 DM on Monday, but edged up to 105.98 yen from 105.875. The U.S. currency rose to 5.7638 French francs from 5.7605 francs, but fell to 1.4301 Swiss francs from 1.4310 francs. The pound slipped to \$1,4880 from \$1,4885.

Interest Income Slides As Gota Loss Widens

Agence France-Presse

STOCKHOLM - Sweden's Gota Bank, owned by state-controlled Nordbanken since December, said Tuesday that it posted an operating loss of 13.5 billion kronor (\$2 billion) in 1993, 5 percent wider that its 1992 shortfall

Net interest income plummeted 53 percent, to 1.72 billion kronor. Gota's problem loans, after deduc-Salomon Brothers. This level is tions for loan loss provisions, not high enough to represent the amounted to 1.1 billion kronor.

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British Steel to Snub EU Output Meeting

LONDON - British Steel PLC said on Tuesday its chief executive, Brian Moffat, would boycott talks between the European Commission and the European steel industry as long as the European Union allows state subsidies.

Martin Bangemann, commissioner for industry. has called a meeting on Wednesday with European private-sector steel companies to discuss a plan to cut Europe's steel-making capacity to restore prof-

"British Steel will not participate in further

discussions about a capacity reduction plans as long as the commission does not act against subsi-

a spokesman for the company said. British Steel, which was privarized in December 1988, has been a vociferous campaigner against state subsidies to its ailing European rivals.

In December, Mr. Bangemann struck a deal under which state-owned companies in Germany.
Italy, Portugal and Spain agreed to cut production
by 5.5 million metric tons. But he also allowed their respective governments to pay them subsidies of \$7.7 billion, angering the private sector,

Bavaria Sells Aerospace Stake to Daimler-Benz

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MUNICH - The state of Bavaria said Tuesday it would sell its 8.58 percent stake in Deutsche Aerospace AG to parent company Daimler-Benz AG for 424 million Deustche marks (\$250 million).

Edmund Stoiber, Bavaria's premier, said the major reason for the sale was Deutsche Aerospace's refusal to hold back on plans to slash its workforce

(Reuters, AFX)

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U.S. Deposit Insurance May be Cut

WASHINGTON (Knight-Ridder) — U.S. bank deposit insurance, premiums could be slashed to less than one-third of their current level by 1996, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Tuesday, as its funds are replenished well ahead of schedule.

The FDIC said its Bank Insurance Fund was likely to reach its target level of \$1.25 for every \$100 of insured deposits by 1996. Even that estimate' may be too pessimistic, according to Roger Watson. FDIC director of research. When the fund reaches the target level, the FDIC will be able to cut the premiums it charges banks to finance the insurance fund.

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Banks posted record profits in 1993, benefiting from improved asset. quality and wide spreads on the rates they charged for loans and those

they paid on deposits.

• John Reed, chairman of Citicorp, said Tuesday that he expected the bank's earnings to improve and its credit rating to continue to strengthen bank's earnings to improve and its credit rating to continue to strengthen in the next two years. He said he expected most revenue and earnings, growth to occur in emerging markets, but he added that the company didnot have any plans to make major acquisitions in the next couple of years. Mr. Reed said earnings should he helped by cost controls. He said the bank's "reputation for being a little sloppy" in its cost controls was "justified," but added that Citicorp is now "running a tighter shop." Mr. Reed noted that the bank has "coped" with the problems arising from its real estate and developing country portfolios. Last Thursday, Moody's real estate and developing country portfolios. Last Thursday, Moody's Investors Service Inc. raised its debt ratings on Citicorp while Standard & Poor's Corp. raised the rating on its senior debt a week ago.

Trump to Redo Paramount Building

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — A General Electric Co. unit said Thesday it formed a joint venture with Donald J. Trump's Trump Organization and the real estate firm Galbreath Co. to redevelop the Paramount Building in Manhattan.

The joint venture will remake the site, formerly known as the Gulf & Western Building, on the southwest corner of Central Park, into luxury, residential condominiums, GE Investments said.

GE Investments is the adviser to the GE Pension Fund, which owns the

Ciba Seeks to Sell Generic Zantac

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) — A U.S. subsidiary of the Swiss chemical giant Ciba-Geigy AG is seeking to market a form of Zantac, a treatment for ulcers and a cheap version of the world's top-selling drug, according to a statement issued Tuesday by the maker of the drug, Glaxo

Glazo said it had been notified that Geneva Pharmaceuticals Inc. had filed an application with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to sellthe drug beginning in December 1995. It is the first U.S. company to seek

permission to sell generic Zantac.

Meanwhile, Sandoz Ltd. said that it would sell its new cholesterol drug for nearly 50 percent less than similar products now on the market. The monthly retail cost for the most common dosage of the widely used prescription drugs, called HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, will drop from the range of \$70 to \$80 that Merck & Co. and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. now charge to just over \$40 for the Sandoz drug.

"This would bring on a high-level price war," said Hemant Shah, an independent pharmaceuticals analysi. "Merck and Bristol-Myers are, already fighting a price battle with these drugs."

(Reuters, NYT)

5 Arrests Are Linked to Spectrum

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Five people associated with Spectrum Information Technologies Inc. and Paradigm Group, both founded by Peter Caserta, an entrepreneur, were arrested by federal authorities and charged with mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy, according to a

federal complaint, The complaint said that four executives at Paradigm and one employee at Spectrum were arrested at the building shared by the companies in Manhasset, New York, Spectrum, an innovator in the field of wireless communications, has been the subject of civil investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commissi

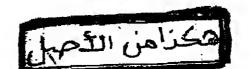
The target of the Tuesday raid was Paradigm, until recently owned by Mr. Caseria, Spectrum's founder and president, the company and U.S. attorney's office said.

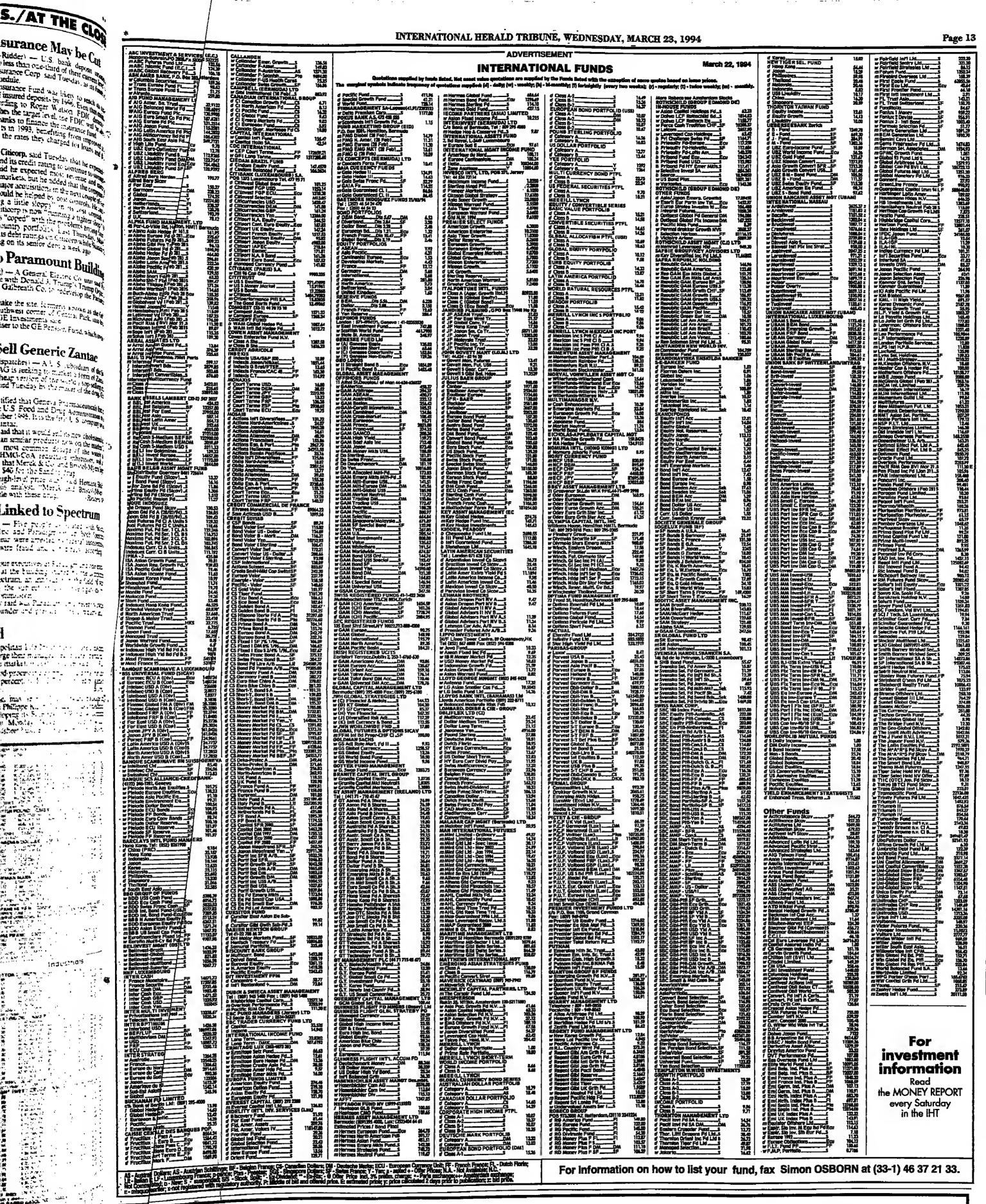
For the Record

Travelers Inc. and Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. are considering a joint venture that would merge their managed health care operations and strengthen their hand in the market, industry sources said. (Reuters) ConAgra Inc., a major food-processing company, said that not income in the third quarter rose 14 percent, to \$103.7 million, led by gains in its prepared foods unit. (Bloomberg)

Borland International Inc. may spin off a software package under development, said Chairman Philippe Kalm. He said it was considering the sale of a unit that was developing its Sidekick for Windows communications software package. On Monday, Novell Inc. said it would buy Borland's Quattro Pro spreadsheet business for \$145 million. (Bloomberg)

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Hoechst Sees Mild Upturn After 31% Profit Slide

FRANKFURT — Hoechst AG. Germany's largest chemicals company, said Tuesday that its operating profit tumbled 31 percent, to 1.48 billion Deutsche marks (\$869 million) in 1993, but it predicted an improvement in 1994 in line with economic recovery in the United States and Western Europe.

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The company was noticeably less optimistic about its business prospects, however, than its rivals Bayer AG and BASF AG, which buffed the media on their annual results last week. Bayer predicted its profit would rise by up to 20 percent this year, while BASF saw the climb in earnings of the first two mooths cootinuing.

Earnings at chemicals companies in Germany have plunged in the 1990s as demand shrank from the recession-plagued manufacturing industry for basic chemicals such as plastics and fibers.

Hoechst said its key chemicals and dyes division posted an operat-ing profit of 162 million DM in 1993, down from profit of 321 million DM the year before.

Its fiber division, meanwhile, posted operating profit of 220 million DM, roughly half of the 422 million DM earned a year before. Hoechst also announced it would

PARIS - France set the ball roll-

ing for its next privatization on

Tuesday by announcing it would

launch a tender in the next few days

for companies to join the so-called hard core of stable shareholders in

The finance minister, Edmond

Alphandery, said France would

open bids for stakes totaling slight-

Europe's second biggest insurer.

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bolders, that would give the hard

core a stake of more than 30 per-

cent in the insurance company, the

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the wave of French privatizations

UAP, which with its many cross-

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float part of Hoechst Celanese Corp., its U.S. unit, but not before

1996. A spokeswoman for the U.S. company said that details remained ing, the company said it would cut to be worked about and that "it's as many as 8,000 jobs over the next company said that details remained too early to talk about how much of

Hoechst Celanese will be floated." Hoechst, said the company was years. "expecting a slight upturn in demand and marginally higher sales volume" this year.

Management said sales for the parent company rose 5 percent in the first two months of 1994. Jur-

> 'It still needs to do a lot more restructuring.

Sven Dopke, analyst at M.M. Warburg in

gen Dormann, deputy chief executive, said group operating profit had "improved slightly" in the first two months

Analysts said Hoechst would bave to wait longer than its rivals to see a clear improvement in profit because it had embarked too late on major rationalization measures.

"It still needs to do a lot more restructuring," said Sven Dopke, an analyst at M.M. Warburg in

likely to be sold off next month.

Mr. Alphandery said that Ban-

from 19 percent. Other hard-core

shareholders - the French con-

glomerate Compagnie de Suez and

the Swiss insurer Winterthur AG

- will retain their existing stakes

unchanged at around 5 percent and

just over 2 percent, respectively. Separately, Mr. Alphandéry de-

clined to comment on oewspaper

reports that the government might have to delay the sale of Banque

Hervet, a small retail bank, because

it could not find a buyer. He said responsibility for the

sale, to be carried out by private tender offer, was in the hands of

the Privatizatioo Commission.

*Bidding for UAP Stake to Start

two years. Mr. Hilger said the num-ber of employees had already been Wolfgang Hilger, chairman of cut by 12,000 over the past three Mr. Dormann said be expected restructuring costs would range be-

tween 300 and 500 million DM in 1994, down from 999 million DM last year. The company said that Hoechst had spent about 2 billion DM on

restructuring over the last two years, including 1.5 billion DM for severance pay. The number of employees worldwide totaled an average of 172,483 last year, down from 177,688 a year

Mr. Dormann said he was "very skeptical" that the company's domestic profit in 1994 would suffice to cover the company's total dividend payout for the year. He did not disclose bow high the 1994 divi-

Hoechst proposed a dividend of 7 DM for 1993, down from 9 DM in 1992. The total dividend payout in 1993 was 412 million DM, down from 527 million DM a year earlier. Mr. Dormano also said the company did not expect to raise funds

nounced in the middle of last year

because of exposure to the troubled

The French government reaf-

firmed its forecast for 1994 eco-

nomic growth on Tuesday, giving

Mr. Alphandéry a chance for a dig

at critics who wrote it off as over-

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Figures from the national ac-

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Financial Picture Still Dismal for Crédit Lyonnais

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune

PARIS - One year ago, when Credit Lyonnais reported a record loss of 1.8 billion francs (\$312 million), its theochairman, Jean-Yves Haberer, promised there would be no more bad oews and that the world's eighth-largest financial institution, with assets of 1.93 trillion francs, was ready to make a comeback in an economic upswing.

Bnt Thursday, when his successor, Jean Peyrelevade, lays out his restructuring strategy, it is clear that there will be much more bad news. It also is clear that French taxpayers and the bank's big competitors, such as Banque Nationale de Paris and Société Genérale, will be forced to bear much of the pain of a large government bail-out.

Analysts are bracing for a 1993 loss of anywhere between 2 billion and 26 billion francs, depending oo how far the government thinks it can go to financially restructure the stateowned bank without sparking a revolt by private-sector institutions or triggering a refusal by the European Commission for violations of its restrictions on state aid.

On Tuesday, Edmond Alphandery, the finance minister of France, confirmed that the government plans to inject a significant amount of cash into the bank, while also permitting it to clean its 54 billion-franc real estate loan portfolio of doubtful loans.

"The state will do its duty there will be a recapitalization of Credit Lyonnais," Mr. Al-phandery said, although he did not hint of the amount to be awarded.

The troubled property loans - which are reported to total 40 billion francs - will be transferred to a separate company that will be guaranteed by the state, Mr. Peyrelevade also is expected to detail his plan to reduce the bank's industrial holdings, which include 20 percent stakes in Aerospatiale and Usinor-Sacilor, both of which are losing money.

Even if the balance sheet is cleared, ominous clouds will still be hovering over the bank for months because of the legal war over Credit Lyonnais' involvement in the takeover of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. by the Italian financier Giancarlo Parretti. The bank took control of the Hollywood studio when when Mr. Parretti defaulted on

Io February, Mr. Haberer, now chairman of Credit National, and François Gille, the managing director of Credit Lyonnais, were charged by a Swiss judge with complicity in the 1992 bankruptcy of Sasea SA, a company involved in the MGM deal and headed by Mr. Parretti's associate, Florio Fiorini,

On another front, Credit Lyonnais and MGM are set to go to trial in June in Los Angeles against Kirk Kerkorian and other former executives of MGM. Credit Lyonnais elaims it was deceived about the studio's financial status when it funded Mr. Parretti's acquisi-tion in 1990. Mr. Kerkorian's \$500 million countersuit against the bank is set to be heard at the same time.

"They're getting hit on all sides," said Sheila Garrard, analyst with Lehman Brothers in London. She was predicting a loss of 2 billion to 4 billion francs, although she said her prediction could be well off the mark. "It's impossible to know the quality of the bank's assets," she said.

Cash injections of 4 billion to 5 billion francs have been postulated over the past few even that sum might prove woefully inadequate.

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not much more than that," said Sasha Seralimovski, banking analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. in London

In September, the bank reported a loss of 1.05 billioo francs for the first half of 1993.

Air France **Cuts Deal** On CSA

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PRAGUE — The Czecb Repub-lic's state-owned Konsolidacni Banka agreed Tuesday to pay \$27 million for Air France's stake in CSA, the Czech airline.

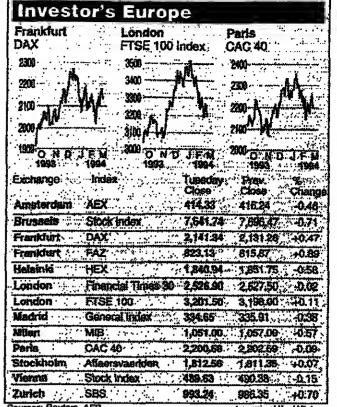
The agreement will end Air France's 19.1 percent shareholding in CSA and diminish the role of a second large shareholder, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Czech Transport Ministry officials said.

The European Bank will keep its 19.1 percent CSA stake, and Konsolidacni Banka has agreed to guarantee the development bank's original \$30 million investment. But the EBRD will give up its seat on CSA's board and lose the right to

veto major management decisions. The Czech government has been intent on pushing Air France out of CSA and has been negotiating for weeks with the French airline.

But a side agreement between Air France and the EBRD, which Czecb government officials say they only recently learned about has been a sticking point in negoti-ating the deal. That agreement, which dates to a time when Jacques Attali was president of the European Bank and his twin brother, Bernard, was chairman of Air France, obligated Air France to guarantee part of the EBRD's investment

Now, Konsolidaeni Banka has assumed an option to buy the European Bank's stake in CSA at any time. Under the new agreement, the European Bank must keep its stake until 1997 unless Konsolidacni decides to exercise that option, but between 1997 and 1999 the European Bank has the option to sell its stake to Konsolidacni for its original investment of \$30 million.



Very briefly:

Renault Véhicules Industriels, the truck-making subsidiary of the French automaker Renault, said its 1993 net loss narrowed to 1.40 billion francs (\$243 million) from 1.62 billion in 1992, thanks to improved operating margins and a resurgent U.S. demand.

Denmark launched its largest privatization effort so far with the sale of 48.3 percent of Tele Danmark A/S; the sale is expected to bring about 20 billion kroner (\$3 billion).

• Bowater PLC, the British packaging company, earned £211.9 million (\$315 million) before taxes in 1993, up sharply from the pretax £147.2 million earned in 1992; results were lifted by the purchase of Tower Packaging, the medical-packaging company,

 Bayerische Hypotheken & Wechsel-Bank AG, the German bank, said it earned 1.035 billion Deutsche marks (\$613 million) in 1993, a 33 percent increase from 1992, helped by gains on investments such as mortgage

Lazard and Crédit Agricole Reach Accord

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The business of

derivatives needs brains, to concoct complex financial transactions, and brawn, for the financial strength to stand by what are generally private contracts that can extend as long as 10 years.

So when Lazard Freres, the brainy weakling of investment bouses, decided to start trading derivatives, it needed a muscular partner. On Toesday, it announced

a joint venture with Crédit Agricole of France, the 11th-largest bank in the world.

Lazard, which is actually three interlocking partnerships in New York, London and Paris, is minimally capitalized; Credit Agricole, with about \$300 billion in assets,

carries a double-A credit rating. Derivatives are a broad category of transactions whose value is based on, or derived from, movements in prices of stocks, interest

rates, currencies or commodities.

Common examples include op-tions that protect investors from declines in the stock market, or swaps that allow corporations to lock in certain interest rates on their borrowing.

The new firm will be called Credit Agricole-Lazard Financial Products Ltd., and will be organized as a commercial bank based in London. Three-quarters of the capital will be contributed by the bank, and one-quarter will come from the three Lazard houses. (NYT, AFX)

Banque Hervet has slid in value growth in 1995 of 2.7 percent. shareholdings is a dominant force in STONES: De Beers Is Setting Asia Aglitter With Its Marketing Campaign

the French financial scene, is then since its privatization was an-

que Nationale de Paris would re- real estate market and loans to

their views.

duce its stake in UAP to 15 percent small businesses.

a new crisis. How it is rebounding, and how it is attempting to secure its future in the developing coun-tries of Asia, is a tale emblematic of

the changing world economy.
'De Beers's London-based Central Sciling Organization, which have up about 80 percent of the world's gem diamond production, describes its mission as "the continuing stability and prosperity of the diamond industry." Its success depends on control. Measured by value, De Beers itself mines about half of the world's gem diamonds. Through purchasing agreements it absorbs most of the rest.

De Beers also controls sales: The world's diamond supply is trans-ported from mine beads to head office in London's Charterhouse . . Street, where it is sorted, valued and then resold at periodic "sights" to an invitation-only group of diamond cutters and wholesalers, the "sightholders." The sightholders produce finished loose diamonds or diamond jewelry and sell these to manufacturers, retailers or the to manufacturers, retailers or the

Globally, the Cold War's sudden demise threatened De Beers for two gessons. The Soviet Union was a diamond mining giant, producing an estimated \$1.5 billion in diamonds annually. The union's dismtegration meant that its diamond industry, with which De Beers had made secret purchasing agreements, was up for grabs. The danger arose that local miners might take their diamonds directly to cash markets, bypassing De Beers.

Meanwhile, Moscow and Washington made a deal to abandoo their proxy war in diamond-laden
Angola. When peace took hold
there, impoverished Angolans rushed to diamond-rich areas formerly closed by war, grabbed all the diamonds they could find and began selling them piecemeal for cash in open markets. In 1992, Angolan diamond sales almost tripled from past levels of just above \$200 million to nearly \$600 million, according to De Beers.

Fighting back, De Beers moved to plug the leaks on its supply side. Cartel executives in Moscow hammered out revised purchasing agreements with Russia, arguing that without De Beers, the longterm value of Russia's diamond resources would sink. And cartel buvers stepped up activity in diamond cash markets, soaking up about two-thirds of the excess An-

golan diamonds. Amid this uccertainty about supply, the cartel faced daunting challenges on its consumption side. lo the United States, Japan and Europe, overall sales of diamond ewelry have flattened since 1987. To prosper on a worldwide scale in he next century, cartel executives tnew they bad to extend their marteting pitch in a new direction - to "It was somebody sitting in a bar

one night" during a-Hong-Kong - In Thailand, Malaysia, the Phil- Sizzling diamond ads go to those the global trading economy more We were talking about it... It was recently threatened the cartel with an American who came up with an American who came up with it. . 'For Me. For Now. Forever.'

> Today that simple slogan -with both an appeal to self-gratification and an evocation of lasting value is beaming into Asia via satellite television, splashing across colorful magazine ads and beckoning from displays oo jewelry counters from Seoul to Bangkok.

Selling diamonds requires pene-tration of a society's most enduring cultural rituals: courtship, mar-riage engagements, wedding ceremonies and wedding anniversaries.

In Asia, such rituals are in flux because societies themselves are in flux, infused with dynamic eco-nomic growth. Arranged marriages are yielding to Western-style "love matches" among the young middle elasses. Women are headed to work in large numbers, leaving behind their inherited family roles.

To try to capitalize on changing habits, De Beers's researchers are conducting intensive surveys of Asian attitudes toward love, marriage and diamond jewelry.

business trip, recalled Jonathan Pudney, a young, British-born De ippines and Indonesia, De Beers is Asian countries where "what you're seeing now is young people up end of colonialism and other Pudney, a young British-born De upheavals. But the end of the Cold Beers marketing manager for Asia.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of FIDELITY SPECIAL GROWTH FUND, a société d'investissement à capital variable organized under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "Fund"), will be held at the principal office of the Fund, Kansallis House, Place de L'Etoile, Luxembourg, at 11:00 a.m. on March 31, 1994, specifically, but without limitation, for the following purposes:

1. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors. Presentation of the Report of the Auditor.

Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1993.

Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor.

5. Election of six (6) Directors, specifically the re-election of Messrs. Edward C. Johnson 3d, Barry R. J. Bateman, Charles T. M. Collis, Sir Charles A. Fraser, Jean Hamilius and H. F. van deo Hoveo, being all of the present Directors.

Election of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg. Declaration of a cash dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended November 30, 1993. 8. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

present or represented at the Meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to he present. Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund with regard to ownership of shares which constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3 %) of the outstanding

shares of the Fund, each share is entitled to one vote. A shareholder may act at any meeting by proxy.

Approval of items 1 trough 7 of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares

Dated: February 17, 1994 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Highlights 1993

Hongkong Land

Strong Growth in Property Values

Net asset value per share Earnings per share Dividends per share

Extraordinary profit on sale of property US\$213 million

Property portfolio US\$7,857 million Shareholders' funds US\$7,660 million

Net debt US\$82 million

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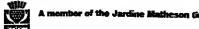
US\$410 million 7-year Convertible Bonds issued Trafalgar House balance sheet strengthened

"The Hong Kong commercial property market remains strong, and the Group's rental income will begin to grow once again in 1994 on the back of the positive rental reversions which are now being achieved. The Group has the financial strength and the resources to exploit new property and infrastructurerelated opportunities in Hong Kong or elsewhere."

Simon Keswick, Chairman 21st March 1994

<i>1993 RESULTS</i>		
	Year ended 31st December	
	1993 US\$m	1992 US\$m
Net income from properties	392.6	390.5
Operating profit Share of results of associates Other income Net financing charges	374.6 (20.5) 19.2 (17.1)	368.8 0.5 4.5 (18.5)
Profit before taxation Taxation	356.1 (49.6)	355.3 (50.3)
Profit after taxation Extraordinary from	306.5 213.2	305.0
Profit attributable to Shareholders Dividends	519.7 (261.7)	305.0 (248.6)
Retained profit for the year	258.0	56.4
Shareholders' funds	7,679.7	5,102.9
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Earnings per share Dividends per share	11.71 10.00	11.65 9.50
	USS	US\$
Net asset value per share	2.93	1.95

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The final dividend of USc6.85 per ordinary share will be payable on 7th June 1994, subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting to be held The final dividend of Osco.es per ordinary share will be payable on 7th June 1994, subject to approval at the remainded in cash with a scrip on 31st May 1994, to Shareholders on the register of members at the close of business on 8th April 1994, and will be available in cash with a scrip alternative. The share registers will be closed from 11th to 15th April 1994 inclusive. The dividend will be available in United States Dollars, Hong Dollars and Sterling. Shareholders on the Jersey branch register will receive United States Dollars while Shareholders on the Hong Kong branch register will receive Hong Kong Dollars, unless they elect for one of the alternative currencies by notifying the Company's registrars or transfer agents by 20th May 1994. Shareholders whose shares are held through the Central Depository System in Singapore ("CDP") will receive Hong Kong Dollars, unless they elect through CDP to receive I Indied States Dollars. Hong Kong Dollars, unless they elect through CDP to receive United States Dollars.

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Fundamentals Hole Get Attention In Hong Kong

HONG KONG - Stock investors, who analysts said may have started to look again at fundamental factors, turned their attention toward Washington after trading ended Tuesday.

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"I think it's a fundamentals catch-up," Nicholas Peacock, re-search director at Schroders Securisearch director at Schroders Securities (Hong Kong), said Tuesday afrities, added. ter Hong Kong shares recovered some of their big tosses of the previous two sessions.

3.98 percent, to close at 9.012.17, as raise interest rates. buying based on corporate-earnings prospects overwhelmed selling trigger rate increases in Hong based on interest-rate concerns.

The index had tumbled 4.00 percent Friday and 5.09 percent Mon-day to end at its lowest level since every Friday to consider rates, have

In other Asian and Pacific markets, shares in Sydney managed a federal funds rate on Feb. 4. slight gain, and analysts said Hong Kong's rebound helped sentiment dex closed just 0.3 point higher, at in Singapore, but Tokyo's main 2,140.80, after being down nearly stock index fell about 1 percent.

The Asia/Pacific component of the International Herald Tribune subdued trading, with investors re-World Stock Index was a little low- luctant to make major moves ahead er at 127.03 down 0.30, after Asian of the end of the Japanese fiscal trading ended. year on March 31, The Nikkei 225-

Alex Tong, a fund manager for Barclays de Zoete Wedd Investment Management (HK), said investors had started buying again in dex in Singapore gained 8.74 points to close at 2.045.04. the belief that Hong Kong shares to close at 2,045.04. had fallen to attractive levels.

He said they were basing their decisions on fundamentals such as corporate earnings, rather than on optimism about growth prospects for Hong Kong and China.

As the Hong Kong market surged in the final quarter of 1993, "fundamentals really weren't regarded," Stuart Cook, chief execu-

Analysis said the direction that Hong Kong shares take Wednes-day was likely to depend on wheth-The Hang Seng Index of 33 leading stocks rose 345.14 points, or policy-making committee acted to

> Kong, because the territory's currency is pegged to the U.S. dollar. not yet matched the quarter-point rise that the Fed announced in its

> In Sydney, the All Ordinaries In-dex closed just 0.3 point higher, at 15 points at its session tow. In Tokyo, stocks drifted lower in

Offices: Where the Fat Is in Japan White-Collar Workers Fall Far Short in Productivity

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - Takeharu Inuzuka hunched over his work space amid the sea of desks that make up Toyota Motor Corp.'s Europe and Africa planning division. He was putting the

finishing touches on a sales presentation to be made by another executive in a few days. The speech, about Toyota's latest European results and its plans for the coming year, would last 30 minutes. But preparing it had taken virtually all Mr. lnuzuka's time for two months, including many late nights and one

time when he stayed in the office until 6 A.M. Much of the time was spent repeatedly revising the text and the slides, often by hand instead of on a computer. There also were frequent meetings with managers at different levels to review the presentation.

Toyota may be the most efficient automaker in the world, and its "lean production" tour of an office such as Mr. Inuzuka's to see how a sales presentation is put together reveals a less formidable side of Japan.

Many Japanese companies, which have

concentrated on improving their factories, are finding their profits dragged down by bloated administrative staffs. Time is eaten up in countless meetings. Offices are more cramped and less computerized than their American counterparts, and women remain almost exclusively in cierical roles.

Japan's legions of salarymen, or salaried employees, have long been famous for their dedication and grueling workdays. But only now is the question being asked: Just how much are they really getting done?

"Japan's white-collar productivity problem is of such scope that it can only be called a national competitiveness issue," Shintaro Hori, a vice president of Bain & Co. Japan, wrote in the Harvard Business Review recently. Mr. Hori estimated that Japanese companies had 15 percent to 20 percent more workers than they needed.

The problem, he and others said, is that the sales presentation to be delivered to Toyota's Japanese style of management by consensus means slow decision-making and numerous meetings. The value placed on personal relationships means relatively little business gets done by telephone.

Also time-consuming is the process of nemawashi, or laying the groundwork, in

Many companies are finding profits dragged down by bloated administrative staffs.

which one wins approval for a proposal in advance of the meeting at which it is discussed. That assures the meeting will be free of confrontation, but it often means wasted time. In addition, the Japanese tradition of life-time employment makes it difficult to trim payrolls, even when companies such as

Toyota are trying to cut costs. Toyota has been more aggressive than many others in trying to control administrative costs. But as a day in the life of a middle manager shows, there is room for improvement.

The Europe and Africa planning division occupies half a large room on the seventh floor of Toyota's 17-story office building in Tokvo. (The company's headquarters are near Nagoya, in central Japan.)
About 110 people work in the room and, as

typical of Japanese offices, they work out in the open. Desks are crammed together in clusters called islands, so a worker typically has one colleague on either side and one directly across.

At one of those identical desks in one of those islands sits Mr. Imzuka, 33, the assistant manager, market analysis and planning group, Europe and Africa planning division. His most recent job was to prepare the

European distributors in Geneva on March 7. Between Jan. 6 and early March, Mr. Imrzuka said, he had five meetings to discuss the presentation with his manager, six meetings with the general manager of the Europe and Africa planning division and three meetings that in-

cluded the director of the European divisions.

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Many other people also attended those meetings, which tended to last an hour or two. As a newcomer to European operations, Mr. Inuzuka had to gather a lot of data. He stayed late in his office many nights to call Europe. He also sent many faxes; Toyota does not yet have electronic mail connecting

its offices in Tokyo and Europe. On Jan. 13, Mr. Inuzuka produced his first draft. On big pieces of paper, he drew, by hand, a picture of what each slide would look like, and in an adjacent box wrote the pro-posed narration. On Jan. 17, after some discusions, he did a complete revision, followed by additional revisions on Jan. 21, Jan. 27 and Feb. 7. Some of those revisions involved writing and drawing everything all over again. On Jan. 24 Mr. Inuzuka sent the first batch

of drawings to an outside company that was to make the slides, using graphics software on a personal computer. On Feb. 8 be sent more. He wrote the English text on a personal computer and sent the floppy disk to the

Finally, after many discussions and revisions by the outside company, presentations to be handed out at the Geneva meeting were wheeled into the office on March 2. Looking back, Mr. Inuzuka said: "I was

100 percent devoted to the presentation for the marketing meeting. I haven't done anything other than that." While be acknowledged that his office could make better use of computers to improve productivity, he defended the many steps he took to prepare the presentation. He also said he did not think he could have gone much faster, "That," he said, "was the minimum that was required."

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Very briefly:

 BP Exploration Operating Co. said a consortium led by it signed a pact to prospect for oil in China's Tarim Basin, which some industry specialists say may bold nearly as much oil as Saudi Arabia.

 Jardine Fleming Holdings said 1993 net profit more than doubled, to \$202 million from \$75.5 million in 1992, on the strength of Asia's equity-market boom. Mandarin Oriental International Ltd., also part of the Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. group, said profit after taxes and minority interests rose to \$40.8 million from \$40.3 million.

Singapore will spend E52 million Singapore dollars (\$538 million) this year to develop port facilities, its communications minister said.

 South Korea cut its probation period on securities firms to two years from three years. The change allows Nomura Securities Co., which bad been disqualified for alleged dealings with Japanese organized-crime figures, to open a branch office in Seoul.

Bloomberg. AFX, AP, AFP

Apple in Licensing Talks for Japan

TOKYO - Apple Computer Inc. is having "fairly intense" discussions with several Japanese companies about licensing its Mac- IBM-compatible personal computintosh computer operating system, ers and Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Michael Spindler, the president of

Under Mr. Spindler, who became president last year, Apple has departed from its longstanding policy of not licensing the Macintosh operating system. It has said it is willing to share it with computer makers who are not apt to slash prices and launch a price war.

By licensing the operating sys-tem — the basic software that runs a computer -- Apple hopes to reduce the worldwide dominance of software.

Apple, said Tuesday.

Mr. Spindler would not specify which companies were involved in Japan is Apple's second-largest market after the United States. Apple was the second-largest personal computer vendor in Japan last year with 13.9 percent of the market, inates the Japanese market.

Apple already has significant ties with Japanese companies. Sony Corp. is its largest supplier of components and Sharp Corp. manufac- computer software.

tures its hand-held Newton MessagePad computer. Apple also has joint development projects under way with Toshiba Corp. and Kyushu Matsushita Electric Co.

■ Gates Complains to China Bill Gates, chairman of Micro-

soft Corp., took issue with the government of China on Tuesday for not letting the market dictate software standards, Reuters reported from Beijing. Mr. Gates said be was confident

the huge untapped Chinese market, sue if given the choice, would embrace a new Chinese version of Microsoft the French approach, according to Windows as a standard for desktop a European Commission official, Windows as a standard for desktop

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TRADE: Steps Against Low-Wage Nations Weighed

feet on the questinn of linking workers' rights with trade, Germany is increasingly opposed to forcing a social clause into trade negoti-

Günter Rexrodt, Germany's economics minister, last week said talk about workers' rights could lead to a new protectionism. A German official said Bonn feared the World Trade Organization would be 'overloaded" with responsibility for social and environmental is-

Sir Leon's position differs from because we are not launching a

of their competitive advantage." Instead, the official said, "the objective is a leveling of workers'

The official said Sir Leon's paper would outline options such as ask-ing the International Labor Organization, a UN agency, to report on suspected breaches in order to examine them in a multilateral forum, rather than implementing immediate trade sanctions on the offending country.

Dennis MacShane, an officer at the Geneva-based International Metalworkers Federation, noted that the desire for fair labor conditions in emerging economies had brought together governments with different agendas. He said, however, that action was needed because "Asía is now the tow-wage, union-free, socially maccountable playpen for any European company that no longer wants to meet its social responsibilities, and that puts a question mark over every

manufacturing job in Europe." Mr. MacShane said the federation had brought several com-plaints to the International Labor director-general, rejected criticism Organization about Malaysia's reof the organization, saying it did
fusal to permit national trade

of the organization, saying it did
not have powers to introduce any unions in the electronics sector. sanctions.

In France, many in industry strongly support a clause that could penalize their low-cost competitors n Asía and elsewhere. Panl Recbter, a spokesman for the employers' federation, the CNPF. said, "The problem of social dumping affects all of us, as it means very cheap prices for certain products at

the expense of European jobs."

Mr. MacShane noted, for example, that Thomson Consumer Electronics, a unit of the Thomson group of France, now has more employees in Malaysia than it does

Some officials involved in the debate say pressure is being brought on the World Trade Organization because the ILO has failed to take sufficient action. In a book to be published this week, Bill Brett, a vice chairman of the govdy of the ILO. write the labor organization needs to work jointly with the new world trade group to draw up an effective

But Michel Hansenne, the ILO?

The ILO confirmed it was examining the complaints but stressed that Malaysia had not ratified the relevant workers' rights convention

"If there is an agreement at the international level," he said, "we will be happy to work with the World Trade Organization."

STANDARDS: Asians Warned

meeting in Kuala Lumpur of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council attended by about 400 officials, business leaders and academics from Australia, Brunei. Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, are dumping because our workers Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, will accept lower wages and work South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, longer hours and sweat and toil, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Ministers from more than 100 Comtries are to meet in Marrakesh. South Pacific island states,

gedly failing to protect workers' fair competition from Asia.

They said any attempt by the West to impose new international should take preemptive action by guised form of protectionism and increasing their purchases of Eastwould be strongly resisted.

Noordin Sopiec, the Malaysian EU narious.

chairman of the council, said in an Mr. Noordin said the EU had

told Southeast Asian nations that

"not having a welfare state is an unfair trade practice." He added: "They call it social dumping. We whereas theirs won't."

Morocco, in mid-April to ratify the East Asian officials said U.S. Uruguay Round global trade pact threats to withdraw trade privileges that was concluded in December. from China over its human-rights They will also begin discussing isrecord and from Indonesia for al- sues for inclusion in the next round. Mr. Dadzie said there was "a real

rights appeared linked to concerns danger" that the new trade agenda in France and other European would be dominated by issues such Umon member nations about un- as low wages, labor rights and environmental protection.

He said East Asian nations standards for wages, work and en- giving all developing countries easould be strongly resisted. era Europe's exports — more than half of which currently go to the 12

Tuesday's Closing Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

Legrand's Board of Directors met under the chairmanship of Mr. François Grappotte in order to close the consolidated accounts for the year ending December 31, 1993.

Consolidated accounts - certified in millions of FF)	1993	1992
Soles	9.983	10.249
Operating Margin	1.569	1.783
Net income (Group interest)	578	657
Net cash flow	1.401	1.551

When restated for camparable structures and identical exchange rates, Legrand sales advanced 1.2% in 1993 with 1.1 % decline in volume. The market decline was significantly steeper in France than in the rest of tha world.

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rale at Legrand, while giving the Group o monogement structure in keeping with its current size and growth prospects, Mr. Grappotte submitted to the Board the following

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Bazil and Pierre Mazabraud as Deputy General Managers. Finally, the 8oard will propose that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held an May 25, 1994, distribute a dividend equal to that paid last year, i.e. FF 57.50 per ordinary share, and FF 92 per preferred share. After an advance payment an February 1, the balance, i.e. FF 28.50 per ardinary share, and FF 45.60 per preferred share, will be payable as of June 15, 1994.

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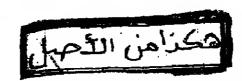
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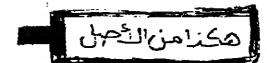
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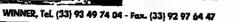
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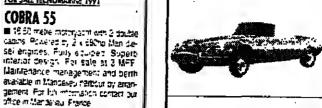


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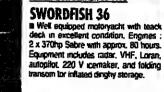
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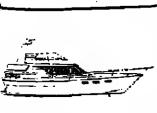
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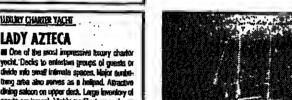
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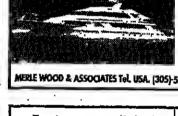


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ASIA'S SUCCESS STORY: WILL IT LAST?

sia-Pacific's astonishing economic success - especially its rapid industrial growth and export expansion over the last 30 years - has been nutrured by low-cost labor, flexible work forces and rapidly rising skill lev-els. The critical question now is whether that growth can be maintained.

Growth rates in Asia are certainly impressive. North Asian economies, excluding Japan's, are forecast to expand by about 8 percent this year. The six ASEAN nations - Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines - will grow at roughly 7 percent, well above the 3.2 percent growth rate anticipated for North America this year. When Japan is figured into the North Asian equation, however, the expected growth rate falls to a modest 4 percent, more in line with

other parts of the world.
History tells us that ultra-high growth rates cannot be maintained forever, Decades ago, Japan realized that domestic low-end manufacturing was no longer feasible. It was just getting too expensive to produce cheap plastic and electronics goods at home. As a result, many Japanese companies began moving their production facilities to less developed countries like Hong

Kong, Taiwan and Singapore.

As these "Little Dragon" economies matured in the 1980s – with a steep upward spiral in local labor costs – there was a "knock-down" effect to countries like Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Now, a decade later, Asia is starting to see another wave of movement, with labor-intensive industries relocating to places like Vietnam, China and India, where manufacturing costs are still remarkably low.

An abundance of cheap labor has been the key to Asia's success from the very start, it is estimated that the average cost of lahor is \$20 per hour in Western Europe, \$19 per hour in North America (excluding Mexico), \$18 per hour in Japan, hut only \$1.65 in the rest of Asia.

There are now signs that some Asian economies are following in the footsteps of Japan. Wages have risen substantially, for example, in several counstantially, for example, in several countries. In South Korea, the pay packet rose from 25 percent to 45 percent of gross domestic product between 1964 and 1990; in Singapore, wages grew from 35 percent to 45 percent of GDP between 1974 and 1990.

The population figures indicate that Asia will probably maintain its cheap-labor edge: The continent had an estimated 3 billion people in 199), a whopping 56 percent of the global family, and less-developed countries have the biggest population pools: China (1.1 billion). India (886 million) and Indonesia (195 million).

It is more than sheer numbers that keeps Asia's labor cheap. In many Asian countries, there is very little emphasis on factors such as labor laws, safety, pollution control, disability or retirement payments - all of which add to the cost of industry and commerce in North America. Europe and Japan.

Even in countries where wages are

rising, however, there are other factors that will continue to propel above-average economic growth.

Professor Lim Chong Yah of Singapore's Nanyang Technological University has cited several factors to explain the extense even mix performance of the strong economic performance of South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore: stable, development-orient-

ed governments; sufficient labor and land; accumulation of personal savings: market-driven, outward-looking economic systems; and atmospheres

conductive to private investment.

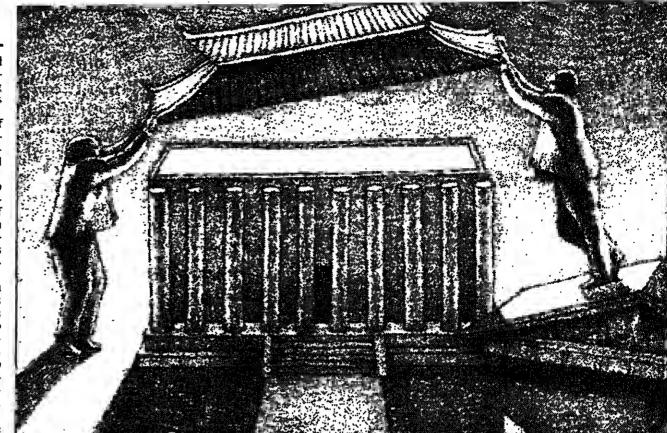
Another factor is that governments of the region do not shy away from working hand-in-hand with private enterprise to plot economic strategies and gain entrance to overseus markets.

Traditional Asian values have also provided a solid foundation for the region's economic success. A number of leaders are beginning to talk about an Asian political and economic philoso-phy that combines ancient Asian values and cenain aspects of Western democracy and capitalism.

There are other reasons why Asia may not fall prey to cyclical business downturns. Many Asian governments actively encourage their populations to buy shares, thereby becoming stakeholders in the country (Singapore's 50.5-percent share ownership is said to be the world's highest). Many governments also encourage performance-based bonuses, even among members of the civil service.

There is also a general attitude in the region that the local press should be kept on a short leash, not necessarily becoming merely a government mouthpiece – which is still the case in places like China and Vietnam – but remaining less inflammatory than in the

Meanwhile, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) recently announced three reasons why the Dynamic Asian Economies (DAEs) of Singapore. Hong Kong. South Koren. Taiwan. Malaysia and Thailand continue to thrive: China's double-digit growth



Building on Western ideas, the Asian way: Eastern values may account for the success of the Dynamic Asian Economies.

rate; rising real wages resulting from labor shortages caused by the export boom of the late 1980s; and government expenditure on infrastructure projects throughout the region that help to boost domestic consumption.

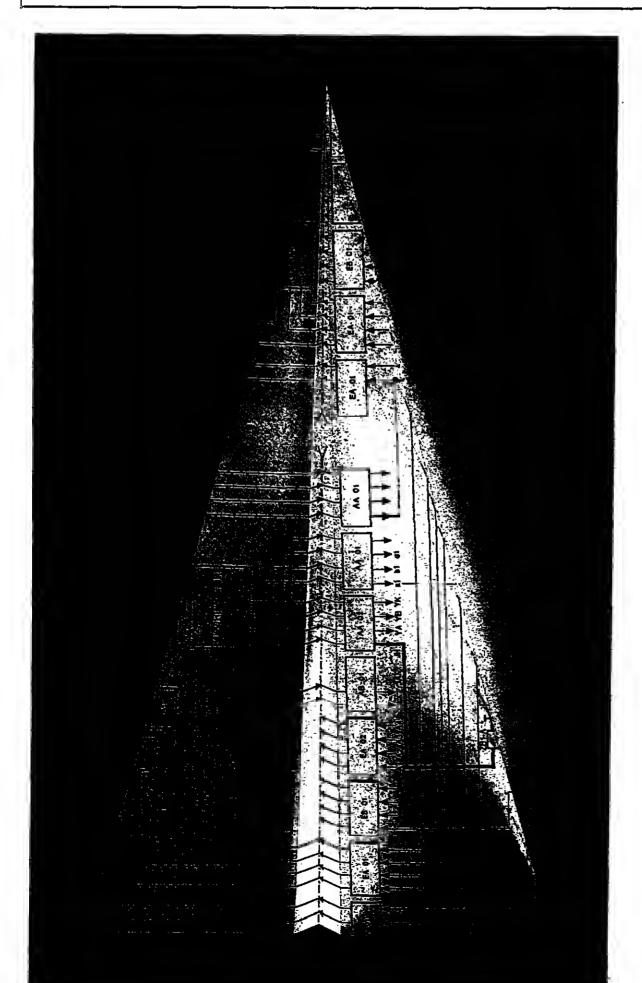
The OECD warned that while DAEs will certainly lead global growth until the end of next year, uncertainty may ensue if China institutes severe austerity measures to cool its overbeated economy. Given the level of investment in China from other parts of Asia. any slowdown in China could have a dramatic effect throughout the region.

At the same time, rapidly aging pop-ulations and environmental problems are likely to put severe strains on regional economies. Another factor that could have a negative impact on Asian economies is what Anwar Ibrahim. Malaysia's deputy prime minister, calls "rampant consumerism and greed." fu-eled by rapid growth and rising expec-

tations among the middle class. In Malaysia and elsewhere, many middleclass consumers have a sense of entitle-ment – with the economy booming, they do not feel they should have to

scrimp and save any longer.
Mr. Anwar tells Malaysians they should learn from Japan and exercise restraint in sectors where greed can create a fragile "bubble economy" that can

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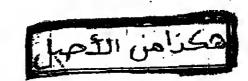
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ment ministers and heads of state from the Asia-Pacific region - including Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, Prime Minister and H.E. Do Muoi, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam - will address the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council International General Meeting on March 22-24 at the Istana

Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. Founded in 1980 after a meeting between the Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and his Japanese counterpart, Masayoshi Ohira, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council is a nongovernmental organization devoted to economic cooperation along the Pacif-

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meet the prerequisites for making possible the creation of a regional community, Mr. Ohira said at that time.

Drawing membership from business, government and academia, the PECC is a Efrain Goldenberg of Peru unique tripartite body that attempts to address important regional issues without national or commercial bias.

Every major nation around the Pacific Rim is a member of the organization; these include Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan. Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States and one member representing the Pacific Island nations. "You might call us a labo-

ratory for ideas and a regional conscience," says Enrique Subercaseaux of the PECC

ic Basin region has come to crete solutions, concrete policy recommendations. Governments need input from organizations like ours because we have no inbuilt agenda. We are not influenced by what is good for

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this country or that - we push for what is best for the region."

Members convene every 18 months for a general meeting, during which they discuss and analyze key issues oo the regional economic and trade policy

Among the issues that will dealing with disputes; and be discussed at Kuala the region's emerging finan-Lumpur are private power cial and capital markets. The ultimate goal of the generation in the Asia-Pacific region; the rapid growth

Kuala Lumpur summit," says Mr. Subercaseaux, "is the endorsement of an accord that lists specific points of trade liberalization that PECC wants to highlight." The accord will also contain philosophical cooccus that promote Pacific peace, prosperity and cooperation.

"We must continue to play a role in the strengthening, enriching and maturing of [the] Pacific community in the years to come," reads one part of the accord. "The future has to be invented from today.

The conclusions reached at Kuala Lumpur - the 10th PECC general meeting will form the basis for policy recommendations to PECC member states and other organizations that sbare the common goal of "open re-gionalism." In fact, open regionalism is the group's raison d'être, a sweeping commitment to remove barriers to trade, investment and technology flows. Member states are encouraged to provide commercial access to all nations oo a ooodiscriminatory basis.

The previous PECC general meeting took place in San Francisco in September 1992, the first time the organization convened in the United States. Among the speakers were former U.S. President George Bush, President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines and California Governor Pete Wilson. The highlight of the session was the San Francisco Declaration, a cummitment by all 20 nations to support the principles of open regionalism in the Pacific Basin. Member states pledged to:

· Become increasingly open to flaws of goods, investment, services, information and technology.

· Comply with the principles and practices developed through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

· Forge subregional economic arrangements that are consistent with GATT and that maintain the overall laissez-faire character of the Pacific region.

· Develop commerce with nations outside the region that are committed to outward-oriented economic policies. · Promote further open-

ness in the region and in the global economic system.

Between general meetings, policy maners are managed by the PECC Standing Comminee. Administrative and coordinating functions are handled by the PECC Secretariat in Singapore. In addition, the body organizes other international meetings. like the PECC Minerals and Energy Forum on March 16-18 in Beijing. The PECC also has sever-

al task forces and working groups that concentrate on particular policy areas. Current task forces include agriculture, fisheries, human-resource development, science and technology, transportation, telecommunications and tourism.

There is always some political element in what we attempt to accomplish at PECC, but it is kept to a minimum," says Mr. Suber-caseaux. "From the very beginning [of the PECC], there was a realization that politics is quite cumbersome, so we try to avoid it. The secret of our success is the fact that we are tripartite - comprised of government, business and academics. And the primary interest of everyone is establishing a broad cooperation base in the Pacific."

Asia's emerging value system: Confucian capitalism.

A CONFUCIAN MODEL FOR DEMOCRACY

Asia's economic "miracle" will survive because it has a strong cultural base. Traditional Asian values stress the importance of family, education, hard work, fiving within one's means and saving money, as well as work, ing as a team (within the

Asian leaders say that ever, describe this new philosophy as a thinly veiled argument for oneparty rule and the suppression of dissent.

One party dominance is the status quo in much of Asia. The region's "mie" democracies - India, Pakistan, Bangladesb and the Philippines - are also the

ing as a team (within the family, company or nation) rather than striving for individual gain.

Some people ties the point out that multiparty point and squabbling have hampered economic growth in these countries. In the iong term, Asia's economic hieralism will tracts are derived from the tractings of Confincies a continue to the point of the continue that social formore the present annual tractions in her arcsonal freedloms inherenced with the presental freedloms in her presental freedloms inherenced with the presental freedloms in the presental freedloms i

IN INDUSTRIAL RACE, ENVIRONMENT LAGS BEHIND

The environmental factor is starting to rear its ugly head in Asia. South Asia's industrial sector is four times larger than it was 30 years ago:

tributed to sir and water pollution is nam. Cambodia, Burma and China estimated to exceed \$1 billion a year are depleting their natural resources in Jakaira and \$2 billion a year in at even faster rates than the previous Bangkok - and these agores do not

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EXPORTS: FIRST STEP IN GOING GLOBAL

ssociate Professor Linda Lim, a Singaporeao economist affiliated with the University of Michigan Business School, took time off from her teaching, consulting and writing to speak about the globalization of Asian com-

To what extent have Asian countries started to go glob-

If you talk about Asian companies going global, and by this you mean tapping global markets, one could say they have been going global for a long time. In fact, about 25 percent of Asia's exports go outside of Asia to the United States, and if you add the exports that go to Europe and other places, nearly half of Asian countries' exports go global. Many exports are products manufactured by small to medium-sized Asian companies that are subcontractsed to produce textiles, garments, footwear and toys by foreign multinationals. This would not so much be going global as "hooking into" the global network of a multina-

While this subcontracting and exporting may not really be going global, would you agree that this constitutes a first step in the process of doing so? What would be the next step in the process for Asian countries?

Yes, exporting is indeed the first step of going global. and this first step has been taken by most Asian countries. In the classical sense, the next stage of going global would be through investment in other countries. Companies start by producing at home, then they export, and eventually they go multinational, by which we mean they establish a production or service base in another country. South Korea, for example, started by producing cars for domestic production. Next, they exported these cars to the West. Now there is at least one Korean-owned auto plant in Canada.

Some Asian patterns of going global differ from the classical investment pattern you just mentioned. Why, for example, do we see overseas Chinese investing in ventures that differ from thosc in which they are involved in their home countries? The typical reason compa-

nies invest abroad is to export their competitive advantage. In other words, they must be able to do something better or sell something cheaper than other companies. Usually, this advantage is in the form of a technology or brand that sells. With the exception of some Japanese companies, few Asian companies have this type of competitive advantage. Obviously, they must be going abroad for other reasons - I can suggest three. First, compaoies might go abroad to avoid trade barriers; second, companies might establish themselves overseas to capture technology; and third, investment might be motivated by a company's desire to diversify its assets.

Let's talk about diversification. Which type of com-panies invest abroad for this

Many Chinese firms (from Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong) invest in real estate. This is simply an extension of their overseas patterns of investment in Asia. They move into other markets for security. Currently, real estate is relatively chean in the West as compared with Asia. Incidentally. these are mostly family companies. When it comes to Chinese companies, in many cases, you really cannot separate the family from the company. There are other twists - an investment might be motivated by the fact that there is a son in the United States. This is how global family corporate empires are built. It should also be mentioned that political stability is a concern that

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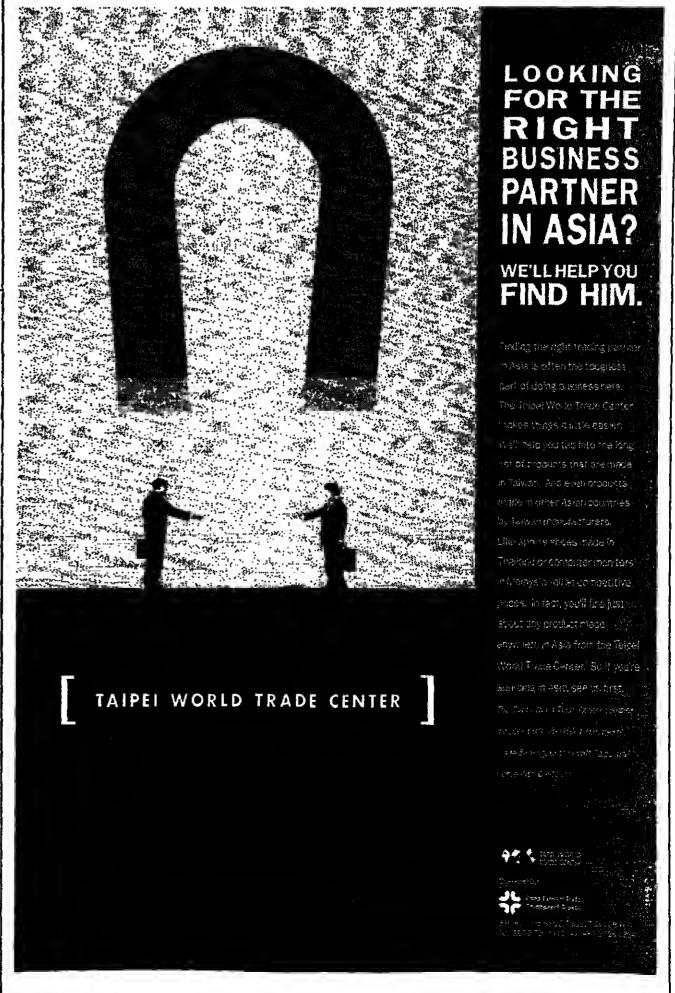
might lead to geographical diversification. Finally, some Asian companies - investment companies, venture-capital enterprises and the like - invest in the West for the same reasons as Western companies: to get a good return on their portfolio investment. Companies invest abroad if they anticipate that the returns will be You mentioned Asian in-

vesiment in Asia. Is this a precursor to going global? Do you think this pattern will continue? The shape of business in

Asia is as follows: the biggest business opportunities in Asia are in Asia itself, thus Asian companies will continue to target their oeighbors. However, it is worth meotioning that the wiodow of opportunity for this type of iovestment is narrowing, and the "carly comers" advantage has di minished as the rest of the world pours into Asia. However, investment in other Asian countries will remain the first priority of Asian companics.

Interview by Teresa Albor





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Senate Hearing On Baseball Inc. Sets Off Sparks

By Murray Chass

New York Times Service ST. PETERSBURG, Florida — A hearing into baseball's exemp-tion from antitrust laws produced a prolonged and angry exchange between Bud Selig, the acting com-missioner, and Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum, an Ohio Democrat. over the authority of the commissioner under the owners' restructuring of the office.

"The fact is he has more authority than he had in the past," Selig said in one exchange.

Metzenbaum, the chairman of the Senate antitrust subcommittee, repeatedly expressed the view that the owners have made the commissioner a "lackey."

"You don't bave to be a genius, a Philadelphia lawyer, a Supreme Court justice to see that under this agreement you have denigrated the office of the commissioner," Metzenbaum said.

"I disagree," Selig said.
"I think I can read English,"

Metzenbaum replied harshly. The session Monday was the second bearing that Metzenbaum has held on a bill he has introduced in the Senate that would strip baseball of the exemption the U.S. Supreme Court granted it in 1922. The exemption has enabled the owners, unbke their counterparts in other sports, to exercise control over such matters as numbers of franchises and their locations.

Selig spent most of the time parrying questions from Metzenbaum, but he also faced questioning from

and Connie Mack, primarily about expansion and the failure of this area to get a team either through expansion or when the San Francisco Giants were for sale in 1992.

Mack, however, zeroed in on one aspect of Selig's contention that the owners have strengthened the commissioner's authority. Mack asked Selig if the commissioner can be fired before his term is up.

"It's been left silent as it always But, Mack pressed on saying,

"It's our impression that it takes only a majority of teams" to fire a commissioner but a two-thirds vote 10 dismiss a league president. "That doesn't sound to me that there has been a real strengthening of the commissioner's office."

When Selig repeated that the restructuring report was silent on the issue, Mack alluded to Selig's repeated refrain that restructuring cleared up the ambiguities of the oner's role.

"This was an opportunity to clear up all the ambiguities," the Republican senator said. "I think the restructuring com-

mittee felt this was the best way to handle it," Selig responded.

When the restructuring report was released last month — the owners approved it in January the general assessment was that the document diluted the commissioner's powers. Selig was incredulous that anyone could think that and has steadfastly argued to the con-

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At Play on the Fields of War

ONDON - A soccer game played beneath skies patrolled by fighter planes does not signify peace in Sarajevo. But as a symbol of bope — an expression of free movement in a place where weeks ago only the brave, the desperate or the dead were on the streets --20,000 Sarajevans roaring their throats dry in the Kosevo Stadium on Sunday did represent triumph. Sports that day was high on symbolism, low on

equality, as FC Sarajevo beat a Unit- Rob ed Nations Protection Force team, 4

defenses were not up to the job was of no consequ Even Serbs watching from their lookouts in the hills must have seen how Sarajevo tried to take things easy on its protectors by fielding a B team of young players rather than its front-line soccer pros.

Those professionals, deemed important enough to Bosnia to have been maintained as a team abroad for much of last year, would, it is reckoned, have embar-rassed the servicemen by 16 goals.

Nevertheless, with soccer in the blood of so many former Yugoslavs of all origins, it is not surprising that the Sarajevan kids brought out of hiding ran rings around UN volnoteers, whose day and night priority is trying to prevent "ethnic cleansing

A cynic, maybe even a realist, might ask what relevance a sporting hour has to a hell on earth. For even while the match was played, more UN troops uncovered a cache of heavy Serbian weapons inside

the nearby exclusion zone. Let the man who put on the game answer that. Let the man who put on the game answer that. Inside Kosevo Stadium, itself by the shells of war, Lieutenant General Michael Rose, commander of the UN force in Bosnia, said on Sunday: "It is almost a miracle to see people who have spent 22 months living in the most horrifle circumstances, throughout a civil war in which over 9,000 people have been killed, of wbom 2,000 were children, able to come here and do the thing they love most, which is to watch football."

Rose is no soft idealist. He is a man of war, a soldier whose ultimatums of military intervention and air strikes appear, so far, to carry the uncompromising tones that aggressors understand.

TOW TEMPTING to recall that soccer euphoria broke the curfews under which Argentinians had been repressed until 1978. Then, because the generals who ruled the country miscalculated and were allowed to stage a World Cup there, the people came out in their millions, never to be shut away again.

How fitting it would be if Sarajevo 1994 similarly makes soccer the excuse, the catalyst, for normal civility. Rose apparently believes the peace process is

He said as much at the stadium where British Harriers and Jaguars flew past, where four British parachutists dropped in, where a 38-strong regimental band of the Coldstream Guards, in full ceremonial regalia, was flown in from Buckingham Palace.

Was it all just a terribly British thing to do? Soccer on the killing fields dates to early in World War I, when, on Christmas Day 1914, British and German troops laid down their arms and laid into one another in an impromtu game in no-man's-land.

After soccer, the players went back to the war. Rose will be hoping for a more permanent truce, hoping the sentiments of Sunday more closely reflect Bearut in the

spring of 1993. There, soccer was used to convey the message that everyone had had enough after 17 years of self-destructive religious and ethnic civil war. As in Bosnia, these past 22 mooths, Beirut was a place where men would steal time out to meet with their mates and play this daft, addictive, all pervasive sport.

The Lebanese play soccer as passionately, but not as bewitchingly well, as the Yugoslavs. And when Serbs, Croats, Macedonians, Montenegrens and Bosnians were a united team they were capable of taking on

anyone in the world two years 2go.

Their game was intrinsically fine, curiously lacking in aggressiveness. But the savagery of the fighting in their homelands leaves no room for romantic notions of that team being pieced together again in this sporting generation.

Soccer cannot begin to be viewed as an alternative to war. Yet the last Yugoslav team, captained by Faruk Hadzibegic, a Bosnian Muslim, blended skills from the now divided ethnic regions, skills personified in Robert Prosinecki, who has one parent from Serbia one from Creatia one from Crostia.

If Prosinecki, now of Real Madrid, plays for any nation in the forthcoming European Championship matches, it will be Croatia, which is grouped with Italy, Ukraine, Lithuania, Estonia and Slovenia.

What a side Croatia has on paper. There is Alen Boksic, the ghosting goalscorer currently employed by Lazio of Rome. There are Zvonimir Boban (AC Milan), Zoran Ban (Juventus) and Robert Jami (Torino). There are seven Croatians playing for clubs in Spain. two in Germany, others in Portugal, Austria and

LL ONCE wore the blue shirts of Yugoslavia and A LL ONCE were the blue smile of 1 agostavia and while it may not be poblically correct to say to from which ever side of the lines they hall most a those footballers appreciate the celebration of Sunday's game.

Bosnians among them will especially identify with the reported comment of Sacir Memisevic, 64, who aid in the stadium: "I feel I have been born again. For two years I have been closed in by four walls. I had to get out to join the crowd."

The crowd, more than the match, was a momentous event in Sarajevo. And no doubt some thought back to June, when, at a residential area close to the airport, 200 people gathered at a soccer match on a Muslim

holy day.

Thirteen people were killed and 80 were wounded by mortar fire. "The match wasn't a good idea," said one as a stretcher carried him away. "But no mantr how many they kill, they will not kill our morale."

suggest soccer is unique in its ability to entice people across barriers, The recent Winter Olympics offered a moving tribute to Sarajevo's victims; soccer, once again, has a foothold on the higher claim that is a trigger, or at least an instrument, of the peace. Rob Hughes is on the stuff of The Times.

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Tapie Is Summoned in New Inquiry

MARSEILLE -- Bernard Tapie, the owner of the troubled Olympique Marseille soccer team, who is already facing two jodicial investigations, has been summoned for questioning in a champion club's accounts, justice sources said Tuesday.

Tapic was ordered to see an investigating magistrate, Pierre Philippon, in Marseille next Monday concerning several counts of fraud, the sources said.

The magistrate will question him on payments made by Mar-seille to a Swiss company, which French authorities suspect was a front for illegal bonuses paid by the club, the sources said.

Philippon will also ask Tapic

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about what justice sources said were fictitions loans to players.

The questions are part of a vast investigation into suspected

financial improprieties by nine French soccer clubs. Tapie already has been placed

and interfering with witnesses in a separate case of alleged league match-rigging. He has been or-dered to quit as president of Olympique Marseille by April 21. He also has been placed under

investigation for fraud in another case involving his business affairs. The new inquiry follows a strong showing by Tapie, a member of Parliament from the small Left Radicals Movement, on

French regional elections.

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The English club Tottenham
Hotspur, fighting to avoid relegation from the Premier League,
said on Tuesday that it was bidding for Jean-Pierre Papin, the French international striker who is seeking to leave AC Milan:

Tottenham Seeks Papin

Thursday's transfer deadline. Papin told the French sports

daily L'Equipe on Tuesday that, he was in a hurry to leave Milan but that he wanted to sign with a French club. "I want to come back," he said. "I love France too much.

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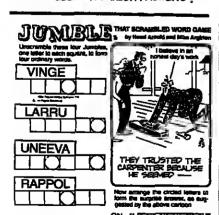
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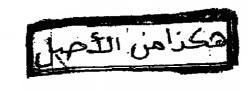
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Reuters reported. Tottenham said it wanted to push the deal through before

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By Anthony Colton and Steve Berkowitz Washington Past Service

sect was used a sign of the same and ethnic and a post of the same and ethnic and a post of the same and the WASHINGTON --- Who's surprised that the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament has reached the round of 16 with the likes of Tulsa, Boston the action of the part of the state of the s College, Maryland and Marquette still playing, and defending champion North Carolina, Kentucky, Massachusetts and California trying to arrange pick-up games and plan-ning awards banquets? Certainly not Louisville's coach. Denny Crum, or Boston College's center, Bill Curley.

anese play society a positivities direct play some a promotive of the latest play well as the barriers in the latest play well as the latest platest play well as the latest play well as the latest play well a "Everybody was laughing at us." Curiey said after he and the rest of the ninth-seeded Eagles beat North Carolina -the nation's top-ranked team -75-72 on Sunday in a second-round East Region game. "I'm not really that and conference tournaments. The team ranked No.) in surprised; you can't get worried about who you're playing, you just have to have faith."

increase. But the state of the the point bearing a first and with the second Said Crum: "North Carolina has eight, 10 high school all-Americans, and they lost seven, eight games this year.
Why? How can that be? Well, there are a lot of teams out

bunch of players that I'd say, 'Boy, I'd like to bave that guy on my team.' Everybody's got good players."

This year's opening round was the first since the tournament went to 64 teams in 1985 in which the top four seeds in the four regions won. But hopefuls such as Ca! (the No. 5 seed in the West) and UCLA (No. 5 in the Midwest) still went down to Wisconsin-Green Bay and Tulsa, respectively, before the slate of second-round upsets.

Others would argue that the 1994 tournament is merely following the form established during the regular season the Associated Press poll lost for seven consecutive weeks during one stretch. On March 12, the day before the tournament field was announced, eight of the top) I teams

"I think there's more parity among the better confer-

there that have really good players and they're well-coached, and on a given night everybody can play well."

There's just so mucb balance out there," he added. "I described too," said Boston College's coach, Jim O'Brien. don't think we played a team all year that didn't have a don't think we played a team all year that they are they are the those leagues and the teams and the teams and they are they are those leagues and the teams and they are t

There are a lot of teams out there that have really good players, and on a given night everybody can play well.' Denny Crum, Louisville's coach

losing by 50 points to Minnesota in a regular season game. The West was the only region that saw its top four seeds Missouri, Arizona, Louisville and Syracuse — advance. On Thursday in Los Angeles, the Tigers will face Syracuse, while Crum's Cardinals take on Arizona. Friday's Midwest semifinals in Dallas will feature the lowest surviving

College drew Indiana in an East Region semifinal Friday in Mismi. The other contest matches the second and third seeds, Connecticut and Florida. The Southeast Region semifinals will be Thursday in Knoxville, Tennessee. Purdue, the top seed, plays fourth-seeded Kansas and secondseeded Duke meets sixth-seeded Marquette.

The Warriors knocked off Kentucky, the East's third seed, 75-63, in a second-round matchup. That game was something of an anomaly for more than the final score: Rick Pitino's team hit 10 3-point field goals but still lost.

Throughout the first and second rounds, teams used the 3-pointer to either upset or scare the living daylights out of higher seeds. Boston College hit 12 in its victory over North Carolina, as did Tulsa in its 82-80 victory Sunday over Oklahoma State. Tiny Liberty used 10 3-pointers to go up on the Tar Heels with 10 minutes remaining in their first-round game and Ohio University had eight in the first

and developing a lead can get shot out over the final few

But O'Brien made no bones before Sunday's game that hitting the 3-point shot consistently was his team's only

"He told us we'd get as many 3s as we wanted; he said we'd shoot 30 3s," said the BC guard Gerrod Abram, who hit six of the Eagles' 31 3-point attempts.

And if the uoset was unexpected around the nation, it

was not in the Boston College locker room. You have to understand the conference we play in." said the senior guard Malcolm Huckaby. "In the Big East we've gotten kind of used to playing against big-name teams. In our freshman year we played against Georgetown and they started Mutombo and Mourning. It doesn't

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Xavier's coach, Pete Gillen, had his team prepared for a tough road stretches the same of the best teams in the Big a they kell they - Ten.

"We knew what the atmosphere was like," Gillen said. To be hon-The Take Walle Of The est, when I heard we were coming inhale to face the states of here I was glad, because I knew it 2 1 would test our mettle. It feels good to do something Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois did not do. This is a tough place to play."
Northwestern trailed 81-79 with

52 seconds left in overtime when Kevin Rankin lost the ball under n lett Inqui the basket. He came back to block a Xavier layup but then missed a 3pointer with 13 seconds to play. Northwestern finished 15-14.

Topenham Seit Villanova 82. Duquesne .66: In shooting keyed a 24-4 first-half run that pushed Villanova into a 20point lead, and the Wildcats held off Duquesne in the first matching between the teams since Dec. 15, 1988 - 1986 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 - 1988 -1979.

Villanova (17-12), apparently kept out of the NCAA tournament by a late-season loss to Seton Hall, won its 11th in its last 14.

Derrick Alston, averaging 21.4, (4) was held to 18 points in his final game for Duquesne (17-13).

The last time the teams played,

Villanova was in its final season in the former Eastern Eight, the fore-Villanova left a year later for the Big East.

Clemson 96, West Virginia 79: Devin Gray scored 22 points and visiting Clemson dominated West Virginia with its inside game and

The loss was West Virginia's third second-round defeat in the 15) advanced to the final eight for only the second time; its first trip was in 1986.

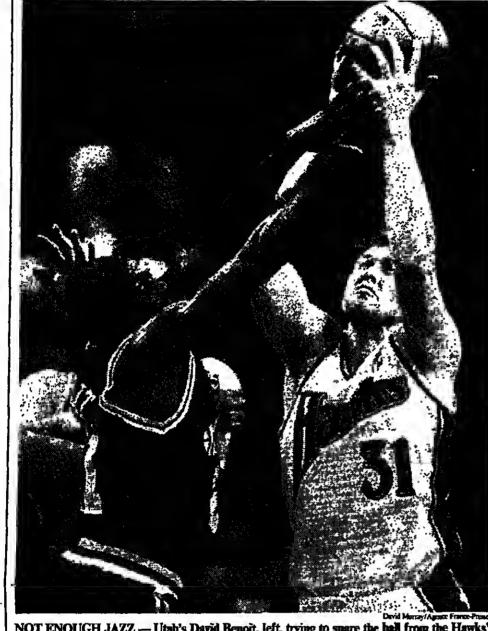
The Tigers shot 65 percent from the field for the game, 72 percent in the second half. West Virginia (17-12) was held to 36 percent shooting from the field in the second half. Clemson outrebounded the Moun-

Manderbilt 78, New Orleans 59: Billy McCaffrey scored 20 points to help Vanderbilt (18-)1) advance

with a home victory.

New Orleans (20-10) came into

the game averaging 46 percent from the floor, but shot only 26 percent in the first half (9-for-34). New Orleans improved only slightly in the second half and finished at #33 percent (24 of 71) while Vanderbilt hit 30 of 58 (51 percent).



NOT ENOUGH JAZZ — Utah's David Benoit, left, trying to smare the ball from the Hawks' Adam Keefe in Atlanta's 100-96 National Baskethall Association overtime victory over the Jazz.

SIDELINES

NFL Approves 2-Point Conversion ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — National Football League owners on

Tuesday approved the use of the two-point conversion in an attempt to bring life back into what critics said had become a boring game.

The owners also moved to increase scoring and cut down on field goals by spotting the ball on missed field goals from the spot of the attempt rather than the line of scrimmage. They also attempted to encourage more kickoff runbacks by making kickoffs from the 30-yard-line rather than the 35 under the current rules.

Havelange to Seek New FIFA Term

PARIS (Renters) — Joso Havelange, president of FIFA, said Tuesday that he would run for another term of office and that if he was elected he

would stay in charge of world soccer's governing body until his planned retirement in 1998.

In an interview with the French sports daily L'Equipe, the 78-year-old Brazilian who has been FIFA's president since 1974, said that he did not fear a possible challenge to his leadership from other candidates at the FIFA Congress in Chicago on June 16.

The presidents of the five football confederations are meeting in Tunis this week on the eve of the African Nations' Cup. They are expected to

declare whether they endorse a challenge for the presidency.

Paris to Hold Grand Prix Track Meet

PARIS (Renters) — Paris will stage an IAAF-Mobil athletics grand prix next year for the first time since 1988, the meet's director, Raymond Lorre, said on Tuesday.

The event, which has been held in the northern French city of Villeneuve d'Ascq. near Lille, for six years, will switch to Paris's new 20,000-seat Charlety Stadium.

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Lance Armstrong, the world cycling champion from the United States, ed him to Vancouver as compensa-will not race in the Paris-Roubaix classic on April 10, but will race in the Tour of Flanders on Sunday and Liège-Bastogne-Liège on April 17. (AFP) Petr Nedved.

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18 Trades Set NHL Record on Deadline Day

tween St. Louis and Vancouver.

Gartner was among six players traded by the New York Rangers. Gartner, a right wing, to Toronto for Glenn Anderson.

The Washington Capitals, desperate for offensive help as the playoffs near, traded lafrate to Boston for center Joe Juneau. The move came as the Bruins learned

Brown, defenseman Bret Hedican and center Nathan LaFayette, The center had refused to report to the Canucks after an arbitrator award-

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something about his athletic ability. But he's been a rock for us." 18 beginning five seasons ago, O'Neill has guided the Warriors into the NCAA playoffs for

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida - The coach and his players have something special going. Perhaps that could be said of all 16 teams left in the NCAA basketball tournament, but clearly

none more than Marquette. Kevin O'Neill has produced a Sweet 16 team off the nation's recruiting scrap heap, and as he playfully makes fun of his athletes, they just "It's all in the family," said Tony Miller, his

point guard. When he came out of high school, nobody else wanted Miller, an Ohioan who on Sunday broke Kentucky's press almost single-handedly with his quickness and dribbling to help Marquette win, 75-63, and advance to a meeting with Duke in the East regionals in Knoxville,

By Charlie Nobles New York Times Service

Tennessee, on Thursday. "He's not a real skilled guy," O'Neill said of Miller. "If you put up the cones and have him dribble through them, he'd probably dribble the ball off his leg. But you put an obstacle course of players out there and he'll get it through them."

The coach added, straight-faced: "He goes in front of a bus, I go in front of a bus the next day. We can't play without him."
O'Neill's most consistent point producer is

power forward Damon Key, a 6-foot-8-inch (2.03-meter) senior who admits to weighing a chunky 275 pounds (125 kilograms), some 30 more than his program weight,

Mostly recruited only by Big Ten Conference schools, he has been dubbed the Charles Barkley of Marquette's conference, the Great Midwest. "He's got about 1,600 career points and probably 700 career rebounds, 3 dunks and 3

blocked shots," O'Neill said. "That'll tell you

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Another with no other offers out of high

school is the 6-9, 210-pound Amal McCaskill who barely played until his senior year. In fact, O'Neill began recruiting him after seeing him

Merry Marquette Misfits Ready for Duke

play in a playground game.

"He grew 4 inches and put on 30 pounds," said O'Neill of the sophomore, who produced 9 points and 6 rebounds Sunday after Jim McIlvaine, the 7-1 center, got in early foul trouble. Roney Elord, the small forward who had 10 points Sunday, chose Marquette over Cornell.

"Here's a guy who's tried to put himself in the game on probably five occasions and got in a couple of times." O'Neill said. "When he catches the ball I don't look. He's perfected the one-handed layoff to the other team for a basket " The cast of characters doesn't stop there.

There is Robb Logterman, a semor who is Marquette's regular shooting guard. He can shoot but has trouble dribbling.
"I'd rather him throw the ball in the stands

than try to dribble in traffic," the coach said. That way, we have a chance to get back on defense. If he dribbles in traffic, it's a layup for the other team. And there is McIlvaine, the steady-eddie of

draft choice after eliminating much of his freshman-season chimisiness. "He's the most mature guy on the team,"
O'Neill said. "Including me. He's the ultimate

ble National Basketball Association first-round

bunch who has made himself into a proba-

team guy. The Warriors (24-8) are in the Sweet 16 for the first time in 17 years, when they won the national title with Al McGuire as coach. With his quip-a-minute style, O'Neill, 37, is almost out-McGuiring McGuire. From an 11-

two straight seasons. He acknowledges looking to two guys for

advice: Arizona's coach, Lute Olson, whom he served as an assistant for three seasons, for coaching wisdom; and McGuire for philosophi-

Olson told him that the Warriors should have Miller dribble straight for Kentucky's big men in breaking the press. It worked beautifully. McGuire helps him, too.

"He talks about bow to act, what kind of situations you might be coming through."
O'Neill said. "After a bad loss, like we had at
Arizona, be said: 'That's beautiful. You were down 25 and you got it down to 10. Now you can get on 'em and get 'em better and go beat DePaul.' Which we did." O'Neill sometimes will do something offbeat

to relax his team.

Sunday, with Marquette's lead down to 56-54 with seven minutes to go and the Warriors seemingly in trouble, O'Neill called a timeout and gave his starters a chance to offer advice. Three spoke up, he said. One appeared disoriented and was shrugged off, another mentioned

switching on screens to shut down Kentucky's 3point attempts and another said they ought to continue taking it to Kentucky's defense. O'Neill ended this exercise in democracy by

shouting, "Get your butts down on defense and we'll have a chance to win." On Thursday, the Warriors will be classic underdogs against Duke, but O'Neill's group of proverbial misfits doesn't appear to he flinching.

"I wouldn't trade my guys for any other team." O'Neill said. "They're an over-achieving group. They're a blue-collar group. They understand their roles and they understand the ulti-

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In the biggest flurry of activity on National Hockey League trad-ing deadline day, 35 players and eight draft picks changed teams in 18 trades involving 19 franchises. Among those traded Monday were Mike Gartner, the fifth-lead-

ing goal scorer in league history; Al lafrate, a defenseman with the hardest shot in the league, and Craig Janney, the subject of a recent compensation dispute be-The 18 trades surpassed the previous record of 14 in 1991.

star winger Cam Neely will be lost for the season with a knee injury. Janney went back to St. Louis for All-Star defenseman Jess

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Get a Horse, Maybe

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Here's an American curiosity: Every parking lot in the land has reserved spaces for handicapped drivers, but there is no provision anywhere for people whose handicap is that they

are not drivers. This group includes people who either can't afford a car or can't drive. If they are lucky enough to live in New York, with its good public transit system, they may not even feel handicapped, but in most American places they quickly realize that they are the crippled whom

America forgot.
This cruelty originated when the United States went automotive 50 years ago. There was a consensus among the ruling classes of that benighted age that cars and highways would govern American life in the future.

The policy may not have been explicitly stated in official documents, but you could watch it being imposed in the years after World War II. It began with astonishingly expensive feats of highway con-struction which coincided with the neglect, impoverishment and collapse of passenger-rail services and the cities' excellent bus-and-trolley systems. Now the ruin of public transportation is so complete that the person who doesn't drive is a social outcast.

He who is more likely to be a she, is excluded from the great motorized jubilce of American life, a second-rate citizen, a slightly absurd stay-at-home in a go-go world, a damned nuisance always trying to cadge a ride to the supermarket at the distant edge of town, a loser who couldn't keep up with the

The paraplegic has his space re-served at the mall, provided he can afford a car and can drive it; the person who can't, whether paraplegic or sound of limb, is simply dismissed as unworthy of mall privi-

I first noticed this sea change in American society in the mid-1950s. Coming to Washington after two years abroad, I hoped to avoid the expense and nuisance of a car by settling in a neighborhood with good bus service and easy access to

This quickly made me an object

of suspicion. Invited to some re-mote suburb for dinner, I would ask to use the phone at dinner's end

to call a cab to take me home. Invariably everyone recoiled.

A cab! I couldn't be permitted to take a cab! Somebody would drive me home, and always did, often going miles out of the way to do so. It was embarrassing Instead of a guest, I became a burden. People obviously wished I hadn't come, but since I had they couldn't be barbaric and let me go home by any convey-

ance except private automobile. After awhile I quit accepting in-vitations not within walking dis-tance of my house, but Washington graphic nightmare that this meant

playing the hermit. In the end I had to surrender and buy a car with all the ridiculous expense of monthly payments, insurance and maintenance. It was that or become a pariah, a secondclass citizen, an American reject.

Part of the problem, of course, was that same far-flung geographic nightmare that the old-fashioned American city had turned into. Be-fore I went abroad, my social life was contained in a space tightly laced together by buses and cabs.

Now, though, with every man a motorist and a beautiful new highway for every motor, there was nothing silly about traveling 20 miles for a sit-down dinner. Like the universe, whose parts

are said to be racing ever farther and farther away from each other, the pieces that make up American towns constantly move farther and farther away from wherever you live. The drugstore bas gone from the downtown corner to the shopping center two miles away,

Craven slave to social pressure that I am, I now drive like a fully blooded gasoline fiend — a mile and a half for a doughnut, eight miles for a piece of hardware, 32 for a book . .

I won't try to guess what will happen to the wretches with the undriving handicap. It's too late to undo the terrible decision of the 1950s to make every American some automobile's prisoner. Very likely the people without driving capability will be allowed to keep walking as long as they stay off the grass.

New York Times Service

For Spielberg, a Handful of Oscars at Last



Spielberg won awards for best film and best director; Hunter, Anna Paquin and Jane Campion picked up three for "The Piano"; Hanks was named best actor.

'Schindler': A Hit Worldwide

International Revald Tribune

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PARIS — "Schindler's List" has been a hit virtually everywhere it has been offered for release, except in predominantly Muslim Malaysia, where censors banned it for being too kind to the Jews.

Gerry Lewis, the international marketing consultant for the producer Steven Spielberg's company, said the movie has earned more than \$41 million in international markets, despite the fact that it was released in London only five weeks ago and has been shown in many countries only for a few days. The film has earned \$60 million in the United States, where it was released in December, Lewis said,

The Philippines movie censor attempted to ban the film because of a scene showing nudity, but the government reversed the decision. The Malaysian censors refused to pass it for release, calling it propaganda that showed the Jewish victims as "stoutbearted, intelligent and grateful," while de-picting the Nazis as brutal and cruel.

Lewis said the movie is doing particularly well in Germany, where it has grossed \$6 million since March 3, and Japan, where it has earned more than \$6 million. It has a long way to go to catch up with "Jurassic Park," which has grossed \$540 million in international markets and \$350 million in the United States.

By William Grimes

OS ANGELES — "Schindler's List,"
Steven Spielberg's wrenching drama
about the Holocaust, dominated the 66th
annual Academy Awards, winning seven OS ANGELES - "Schindler's List,"

Oscars, including those for best picture and best director.

The awards were a milestone in Spielberg's career. Although he is the most commercially successful director in Hollywood history, an Oscar, and recognition by the academy as a serious cinematic artist, had eluded him until Monday night. He was previously nominated as a director three times, for "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "E. T. the Extra-Terrestrial." As a producer, be had been nominated twice, for "E. T." and "The Color Purple." "Schindler's List" won Oscars for Jan-

usz Kaminski's cinematography and Steven Zaillian's screenplay, adapted from the novel by Thomas Keneally. It also won for art direction (Allan Starski and Ewa Bruan), original score (John Williams) and editing (Michael Kahn). Such was the wave of acclaim surround-

ing "Schindler's List" that it seemed to pass almost unnoticed that last year Spielberg also directed the biggest moneymaker in movie history, "Jurassic Park," which picked up awards for visual effects, sound

and sound-effects editing.

In his acceptance speech for the directing award, Spielberg, who was greeted with a standing ovation, said, "I have friends who have won these before, but I swear I have never held one before." Visibly moved, and fighting back tears, he concluded his thanks by invoking the memory of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The only competition to "Schindler's List" came from "The Piano," which won three awards. Holly Hunter was named best actress for her performance as a mute mail-order bride in 19th-century New Zealand, and Anna Paquin, 11, was named best supporting best actress for ber role as the daughter. The film also won the award for best original screenplay, written by its director, Jane Campion.

The award for best actor went to Tom Hanks, for his role in "Philadelphia" as a lawyer dying of AIDS who brings a law-suit against the firm that dismissed him. In his acceptance speech, Hanks, his

voice quavering with emotion, thanked his colleagues on the film, especially Denzel Washington, and his high school drama teacher, who advised, "Act well the part, there the glory lies."

Hanks also paid tribute to those who have died of AIDS, saying "the

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heavens are too crowded with angels." Tommy Lee Jones, who played the hard-nosed deputy marshal in "The Fugitive," received the Oscar for best supporting actor. In his acceptance speech, Jones,

the crown of whose head was shaved for a role, said, "There is only one thing a man can say at a moment like this: f am not Anna Paquin took a few moments to

compose herself before delivering a polished acceptance speech that was a model of brevity. This year's ceremonies started on a note

of uncertainty, as Billy Crystal bad stepped down after four years as host. His successor, Whoopi Goldberg, wearing a floor-length brown velvet dress, swept to the front of the stage and immediately addressed the great unspoken question of the evening; Would the outspoken and unpredictable comedian behave herself? There haven't been this many execu-

There in wen't been this many executives sweating over one woman since Heidi Fleiss, baby," she said.

Then, promising to get her political concerns out of the way early, she reeled off a rapid-fire litany of slogans, beginning with "save the whales" and concluding with "let Frank Sinatra finish" and "somebody stop these damn earthquakes."

Crashing right through the taste barrier, Goldberg also called for Lorena Bobbitt to meet Bob Dole, a joke that left the audi-

ence gasping.

The Oscar for foreign film went to the Spanish film "Belle Epoque," directed by Fernando Trueba. In an Oscar year unusual for the number of rock nominees, the award for best original song went to Bruce Springsteen for "Streets of Philadelphia," the stirring ballad he wrote and performed for "Philadelphia."

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A Team of Her Own? Madonna Courts NBA

Just dating basketball players isn't enough for Madouna. It seems now that she wants to own an entire team. The singer, who has been romantically linked to several pro players, including Charles Barkley (who denies any relationship) says she wants to buy a National Basketball Association franchise According to New York magazine she's most interested in the Chic. go Bulls. Unfortunately, the team isn't for sale. The Detroit Pistons, the Miami Heat and the Orlando Magic also are on ber list. Barkley's squad, the Phoenix Suns, is not.

Dancers, singers, conductors and musicians stood to applaud Dame ill.

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Dodley Moore was arrested after a woman identifying herself as his girlfriend said the actor had battered her during an argument. He was released on \$50,000 bail.

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cess parked in a tow-away zone in the Knightsbridge section of London. Two officers placed a signed note, written on a Metropolitan Police letterhead, on her windshield that read: "Vehicle broken down Please don't clamp." But, according to The British Press Association, the car was working just find she just couldn't find a legal parking space so she enlisted the help of the chivalrous policemen. Scotland Yard is not amused.

Mia Farrow's latest movie has been a homecoming. She's been working on John Irvin's "Widow's Peak," being filmed in the Wicklow Mountains of Ireland, where Farrow lived as a girl with her mother, the actress Maureen O'Sullivan.

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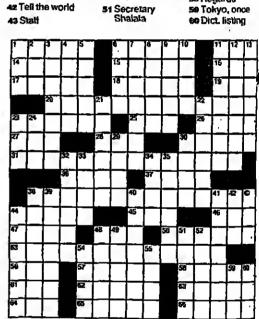
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